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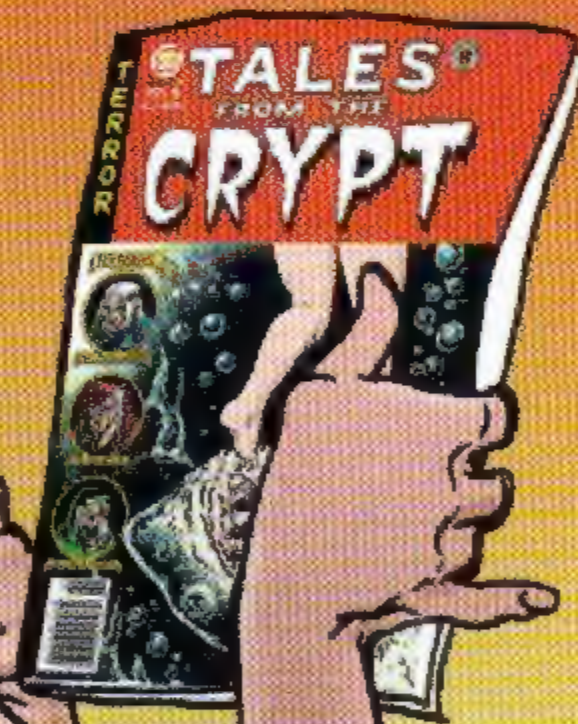
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# THE WITCH'S CAULDRON!

HEE, HEE! BACK AGAIN, EH? BET YOU'RE WONDERING WHAT THE OLD WITCH IS DOING HERE? YOU WERE EXPECTING THE DECREPIT CRYPT-KEEPER AND HIS PARTNER-IN-SLIME THE VAULT KEEPER, RIGHT?

THE SHOCKING TRUTH IS THAT THEY'RE BOTH HERE—VICTIMS OF CRYPT-FEVER! THEY'VE TOTALLY FREAKED OUT! TOO MUCH TIME SPENT IN THE CRYPT OF TERROR WATCHING YOU TOOMB! WORST CASE I EVER SAW! THEY EVEN HALLUCINATED SEEING ME DRESSED IN A FRENCH MAID'S UNIFORM!\*

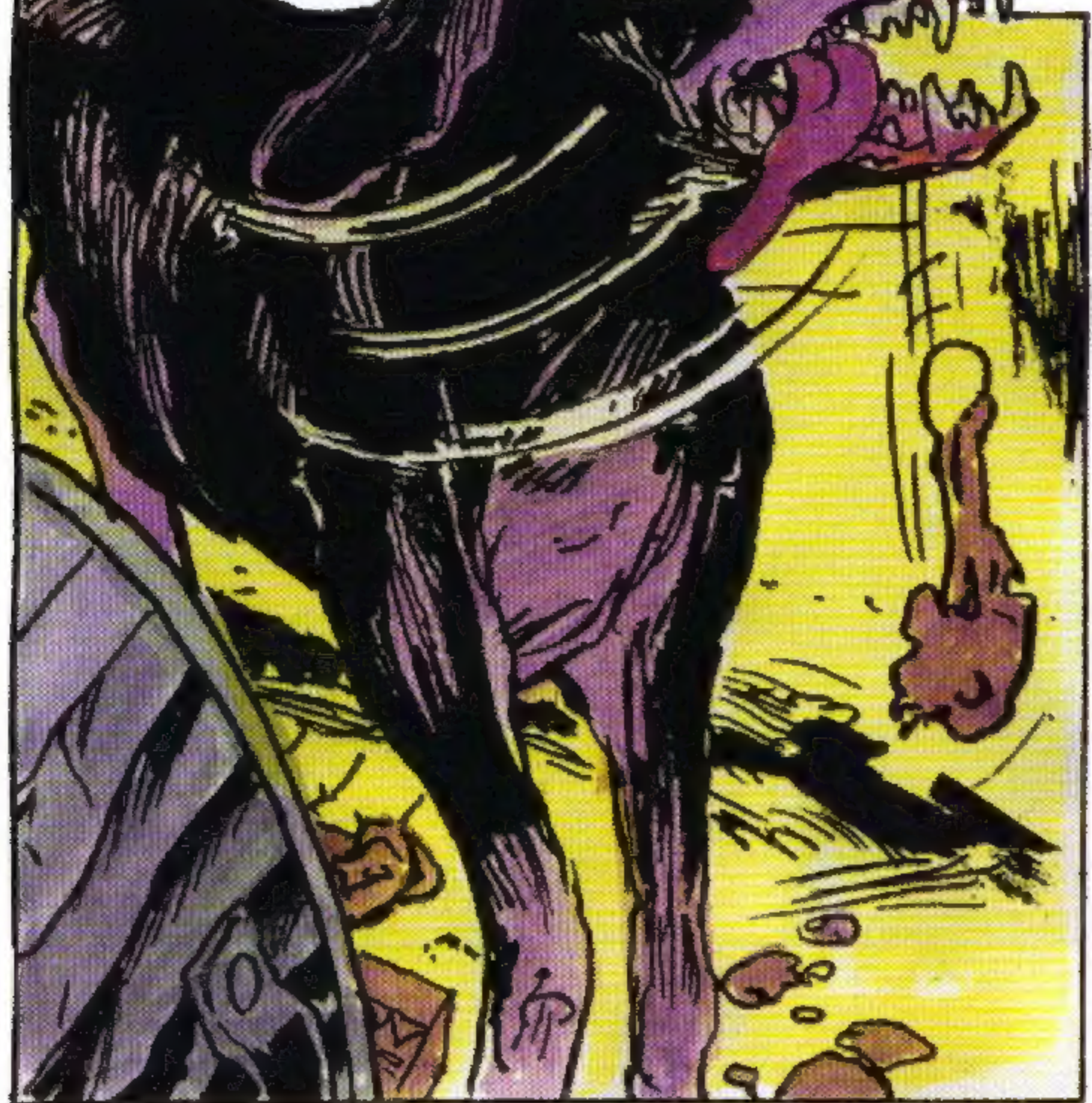
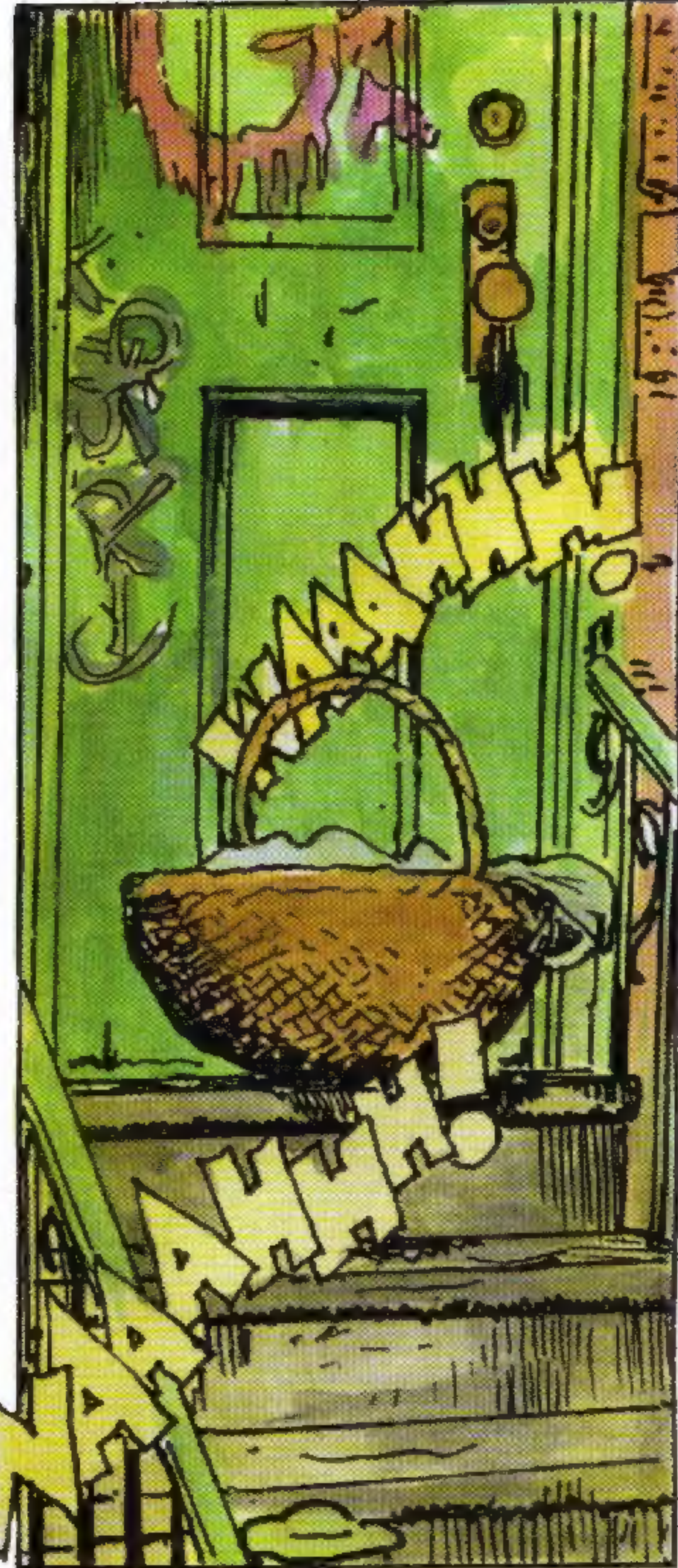
NOT TO WORRY—I'M BREWING UP A CURE RIGHT NOW! "HAVE CAULDRON—WILL TRAVEL!" THAT'S MY MOTTO!

WHILE THIS SIMMERS, LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT ANOTHER LADY WHO HAD TO TAKE CARE OF A LITTLE BOY, A REGULAR...

*Little*  
**DARLIN'**

\*YOU SAW IT TOO—LAST ISSUE!

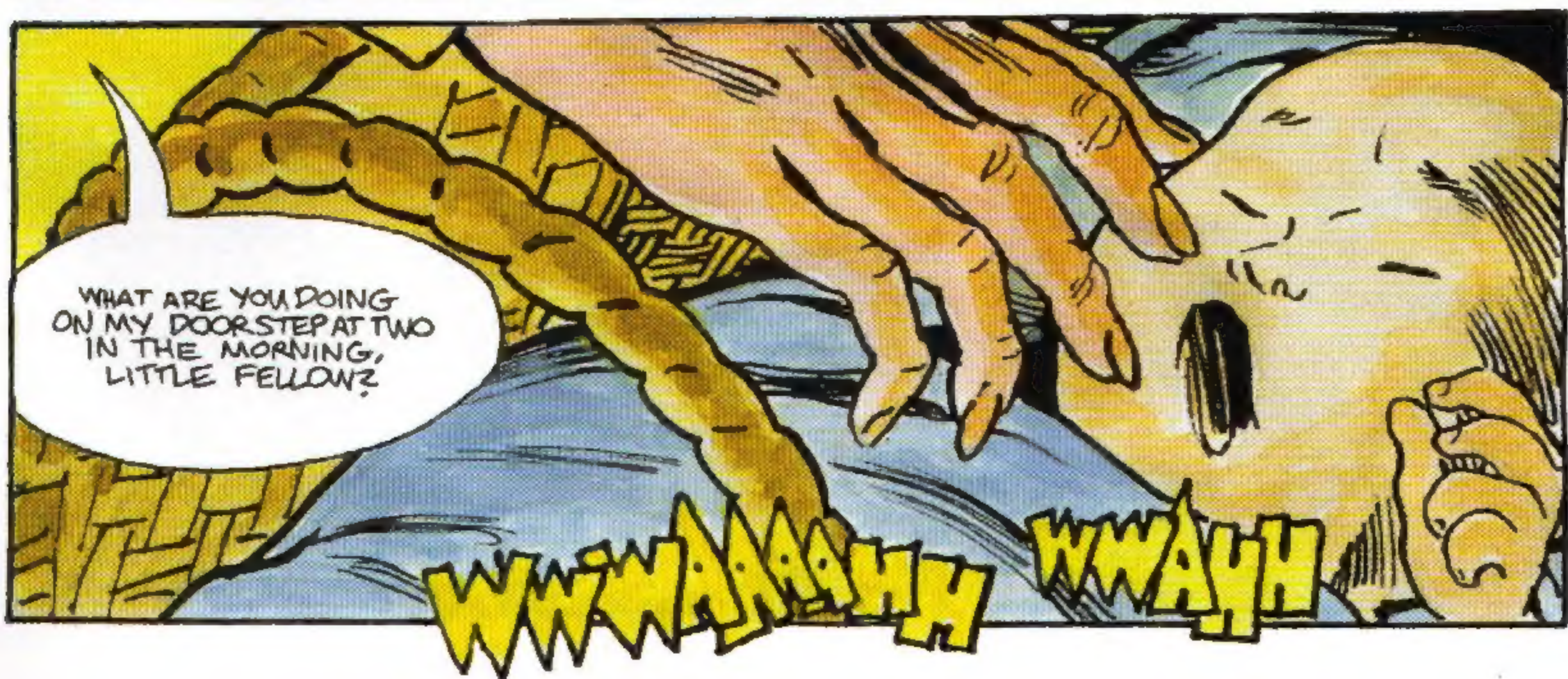
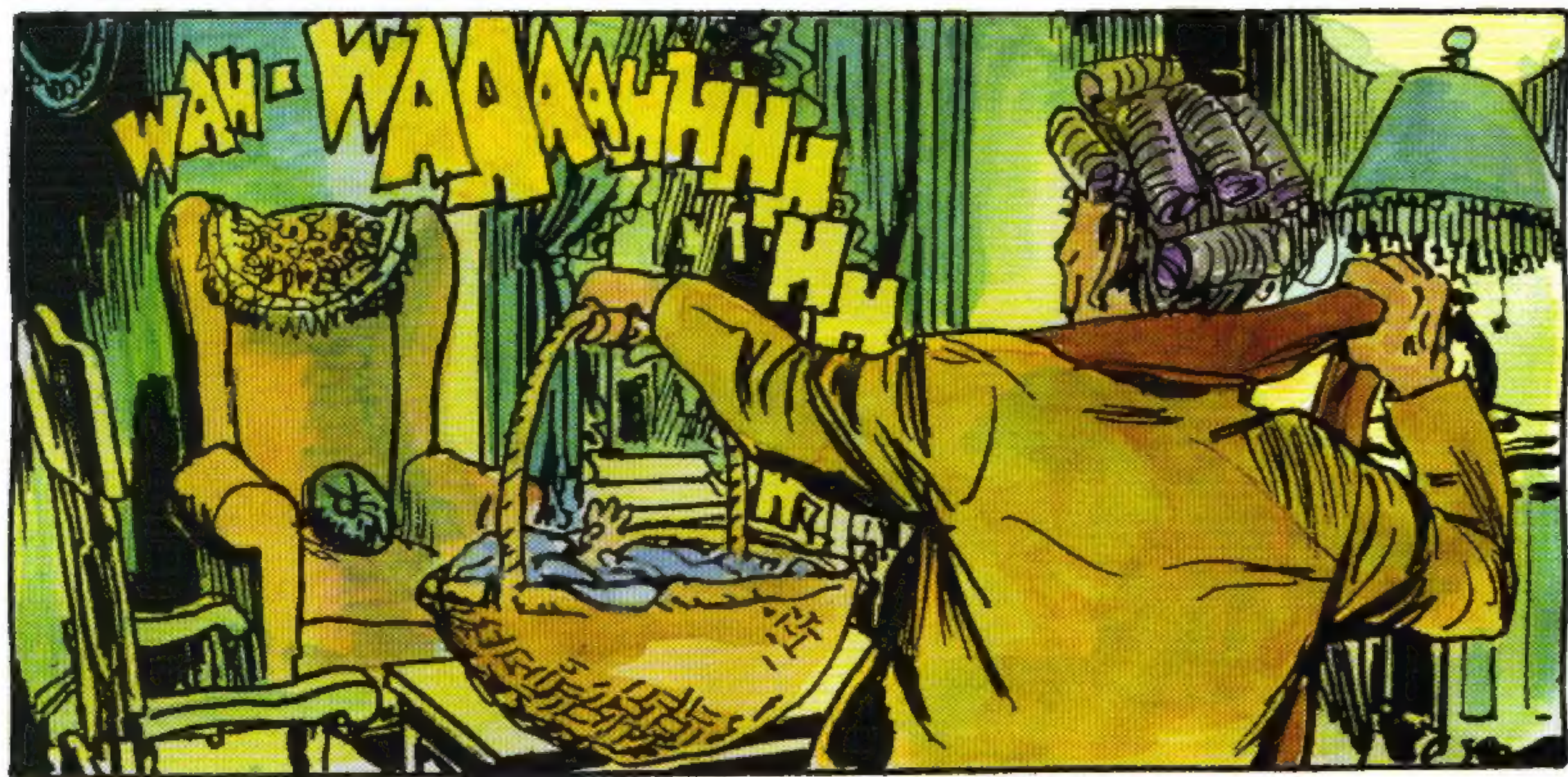




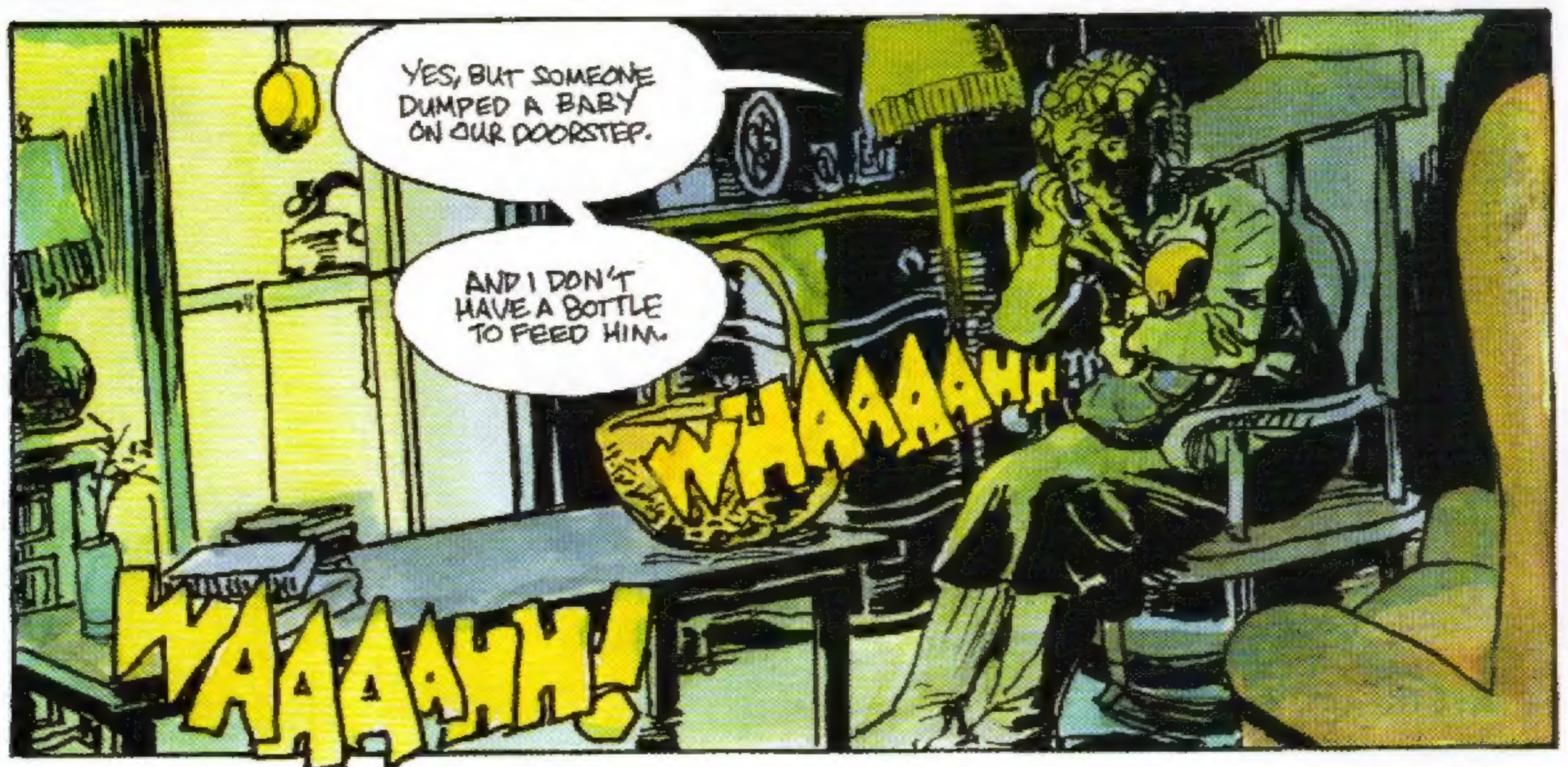
















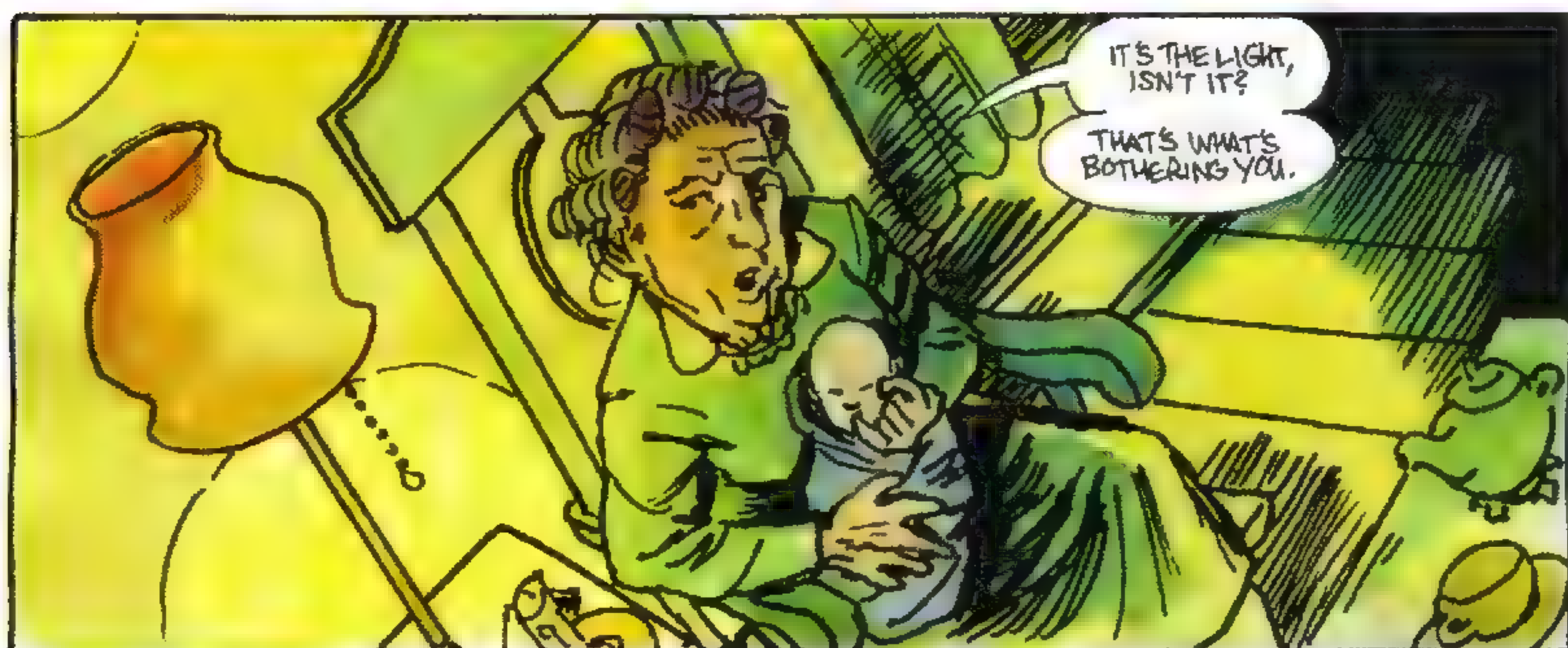




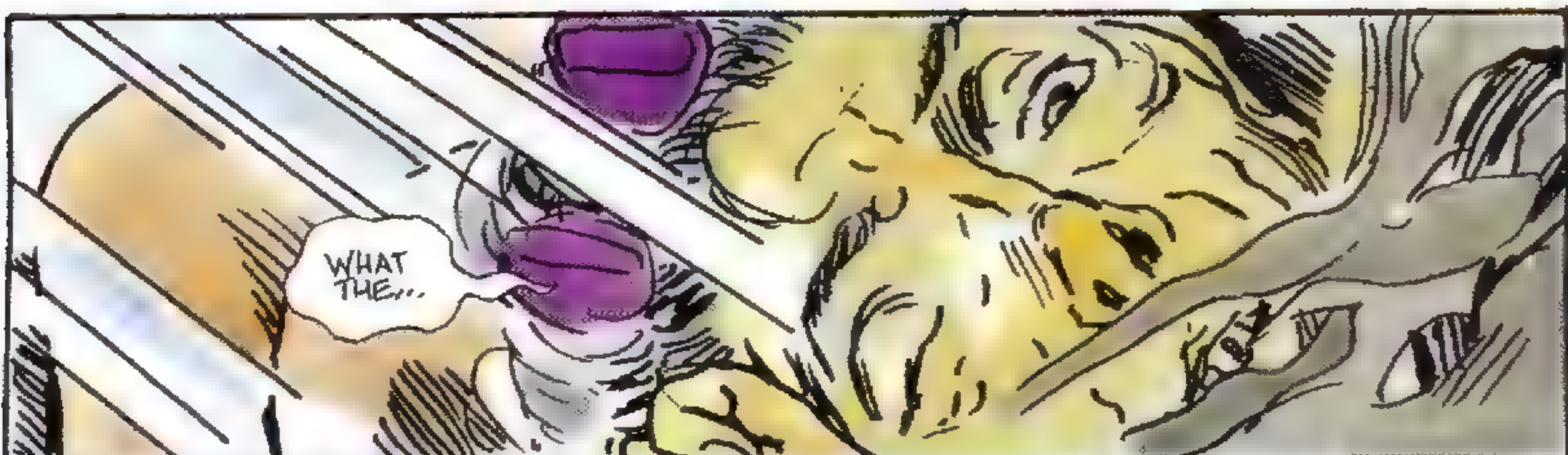
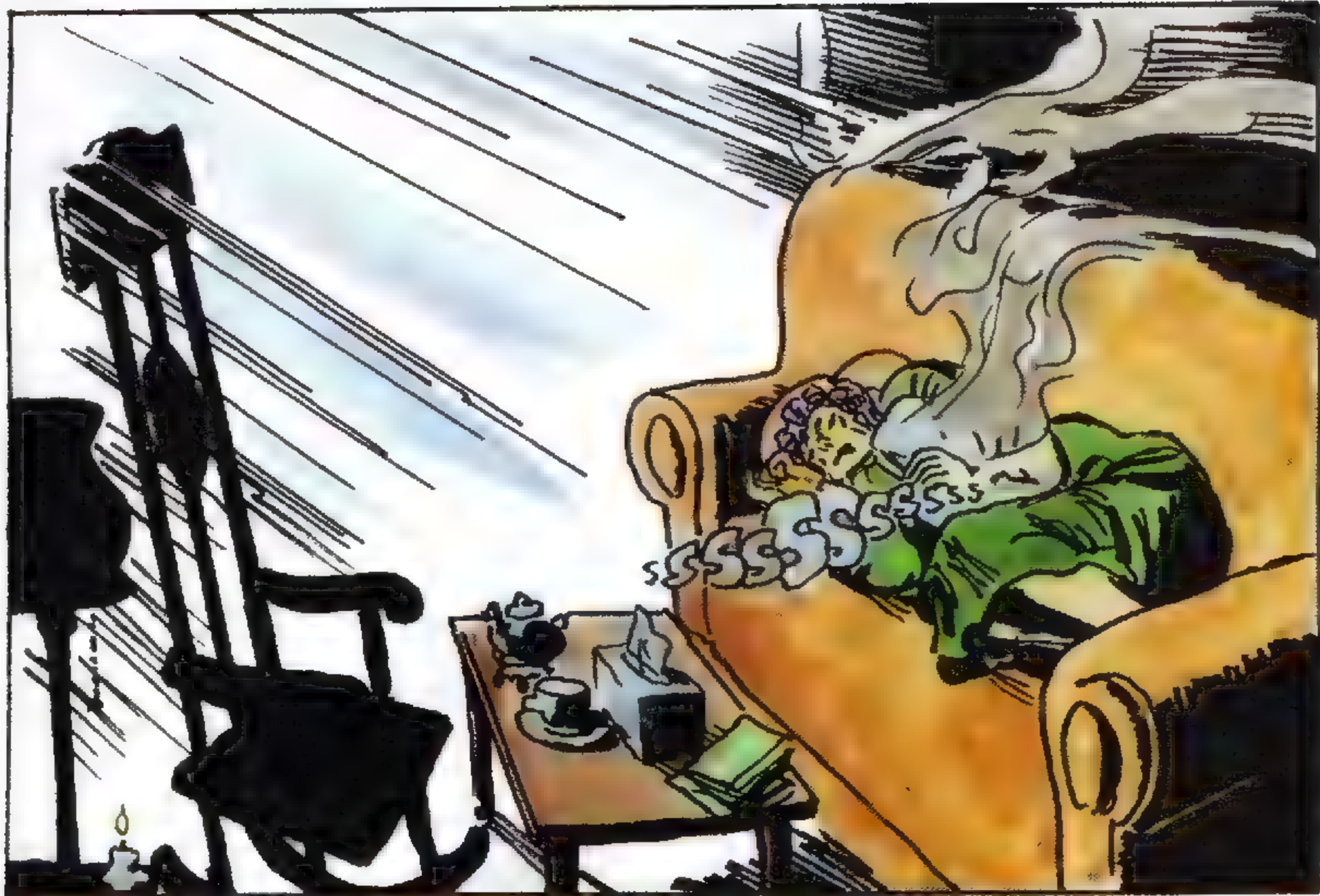








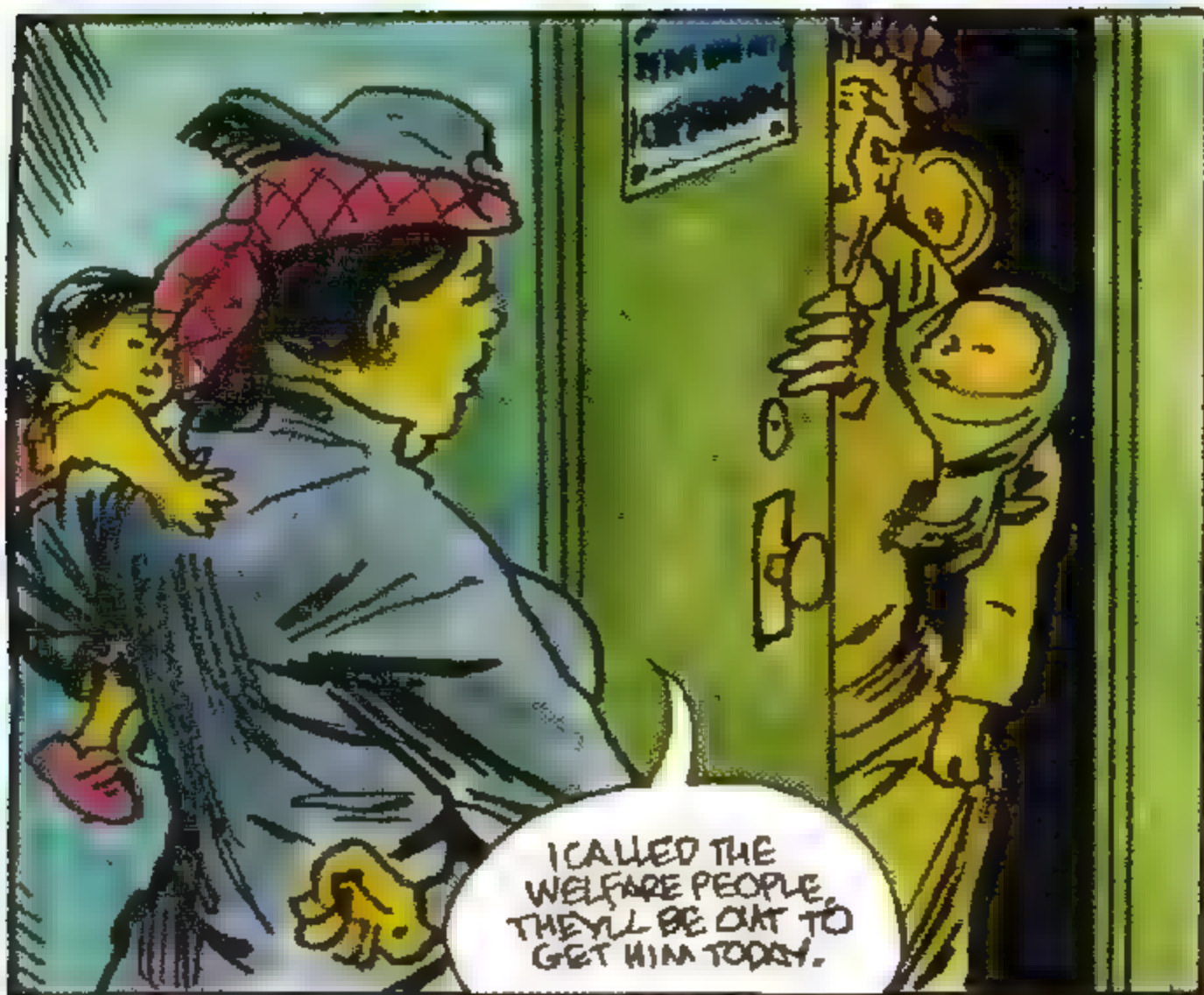










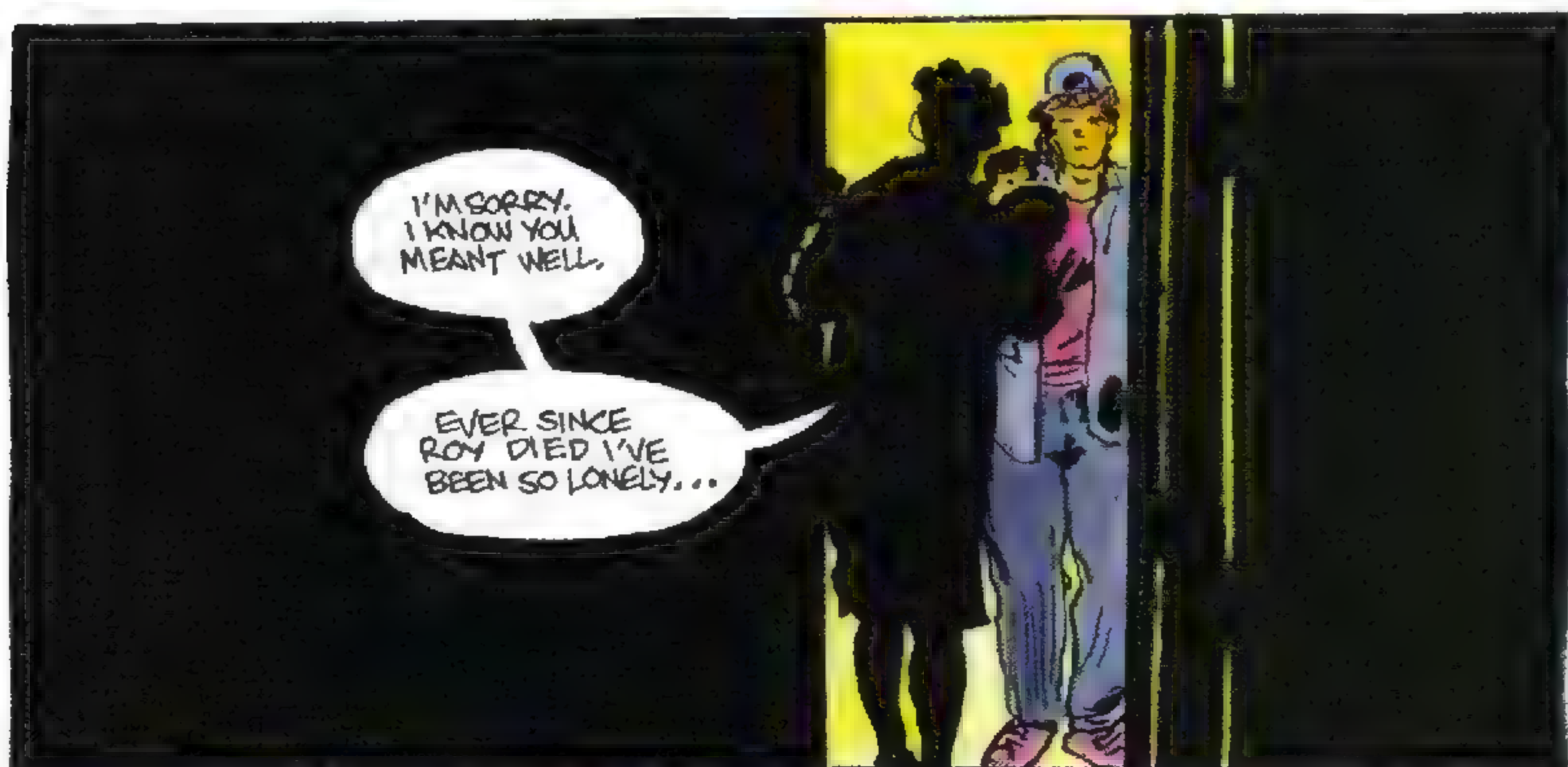






I THOUGHT  
YOU WOULD BE  
GLAD I DID.

THEY WILL  
TAKE HIM TO A  
HOSPITAL,  
CHECK HIM  
OUT.



I'M SORRY.  
I KNOW YOU  
MEANT WELL.

EVER SINCE  
ROY DIED I'VE  
BEEN SO LONELY...

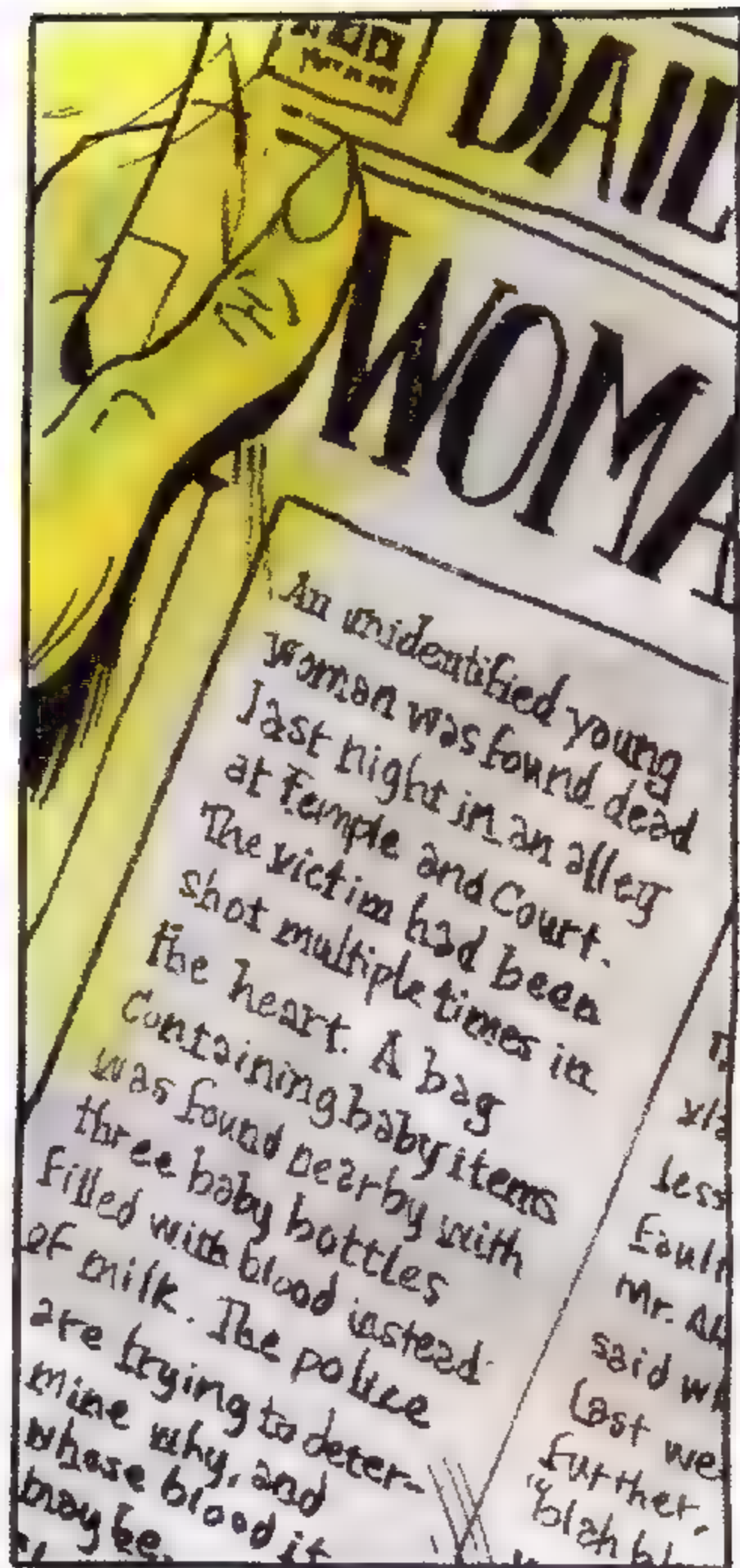


YOU'RE TOO  
OLD TO BE TAKING  
CARE OF A BABY  
ANYWAY.













**KNOCK  
KNOCK  
KNOCK**



JUST A  
MINUTE...



**KNOCK  
KNOCK  
KNOCK**



I'M MRS.  
WELLFORD FROM  
THE DEPARTMENT  
OF HUMAN SERVICES.  
I UNDERSTAND  
SOMEONE LEFT  
A BABY ON YOUR  
DOORSTEP  
LAST NIGHT.




YES, THEY DID,  
BUT I CAN TAKE  
CARE OF HIM.





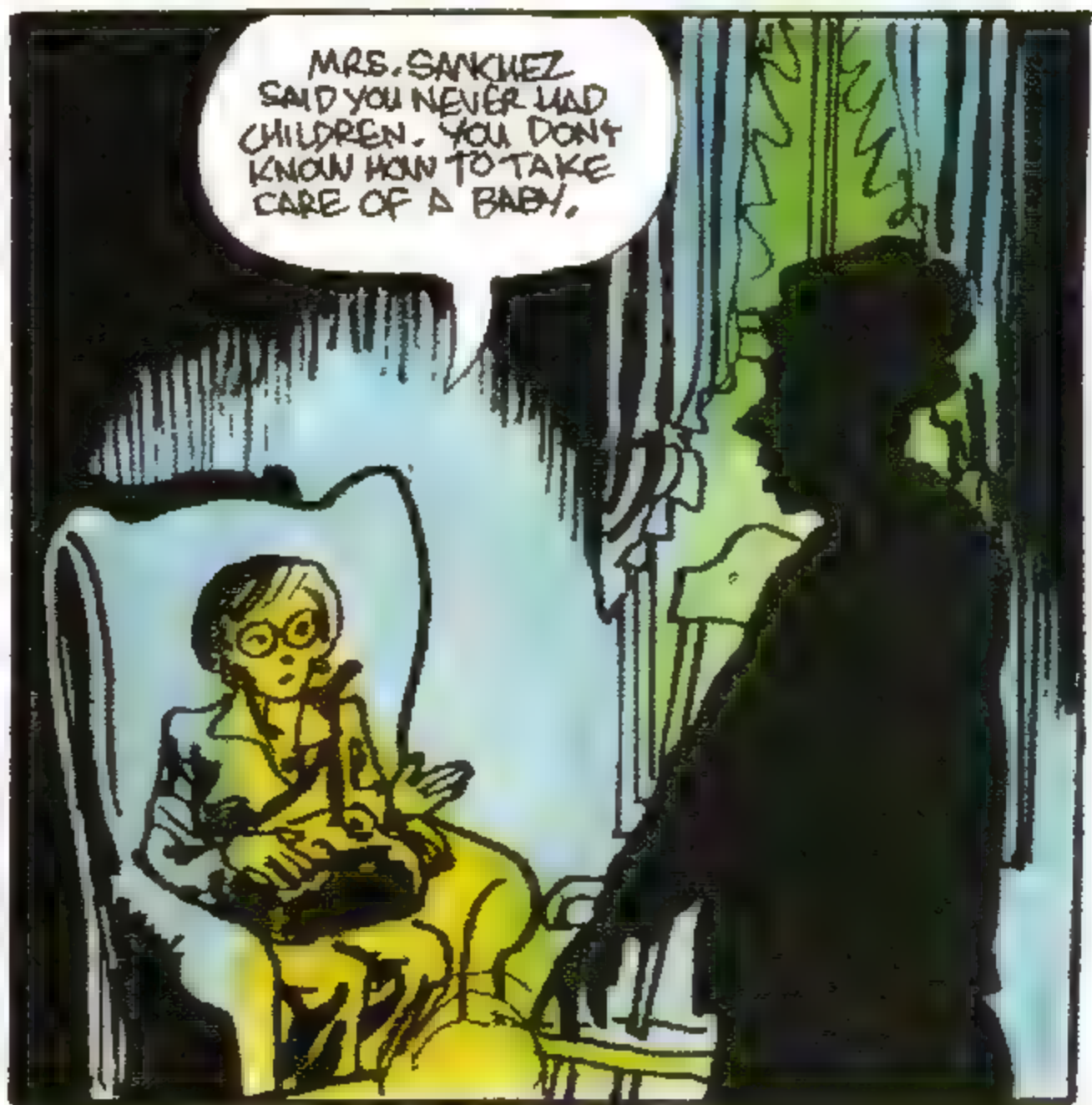
WHAT  
HAPPENED  
TO YOUR  
FINGER?

OK, IT'S  
NOTHING.  
COME IN.



IT SURE  
IS DARK  
IN HERE.

THAT'S THE WAY  
I LIKE IT!




MRS. SANKHEZ  
SAID YOU NEVER HAD  
CHILDREN. YOU DON'T  
KNOW HOW TO TAKE  
CARE OF A BABY.



BELIEVE ME,  
MRS. WELFORD...

YOU'RE THE  
ONE THAT DOESN'T  
KNOW HOW TO  
TAKE CARE OF HIM.



MRS. MOORE,  
BRING ME THE  
BABY THIS  
INSTANT!

I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO TAKE  
MATTERS INTO MY OWN HANDS.







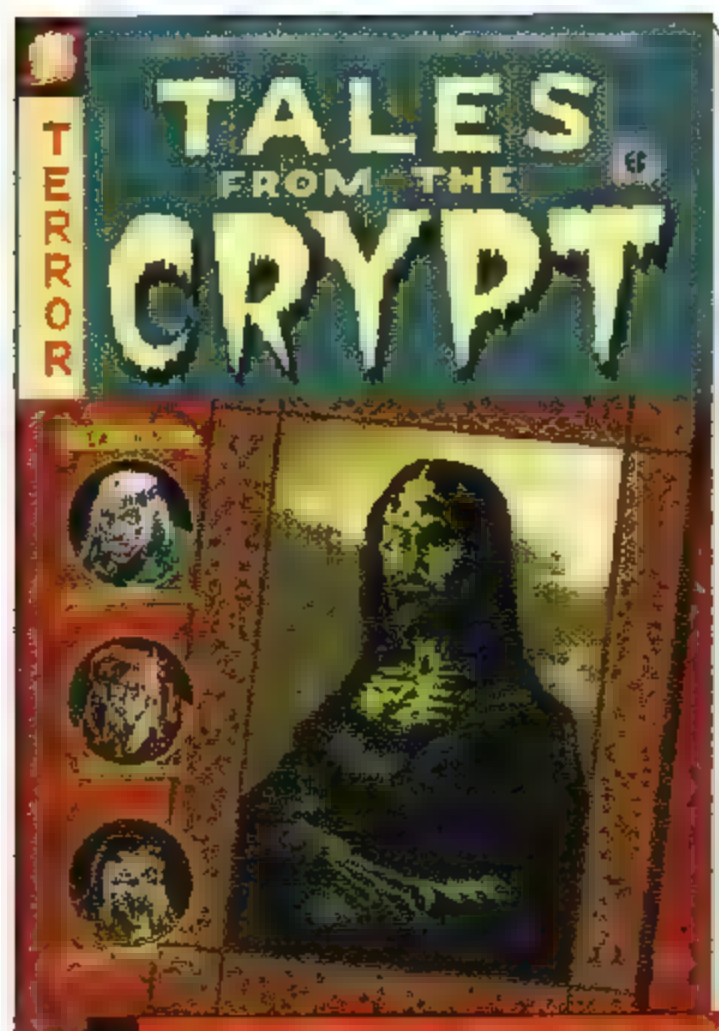




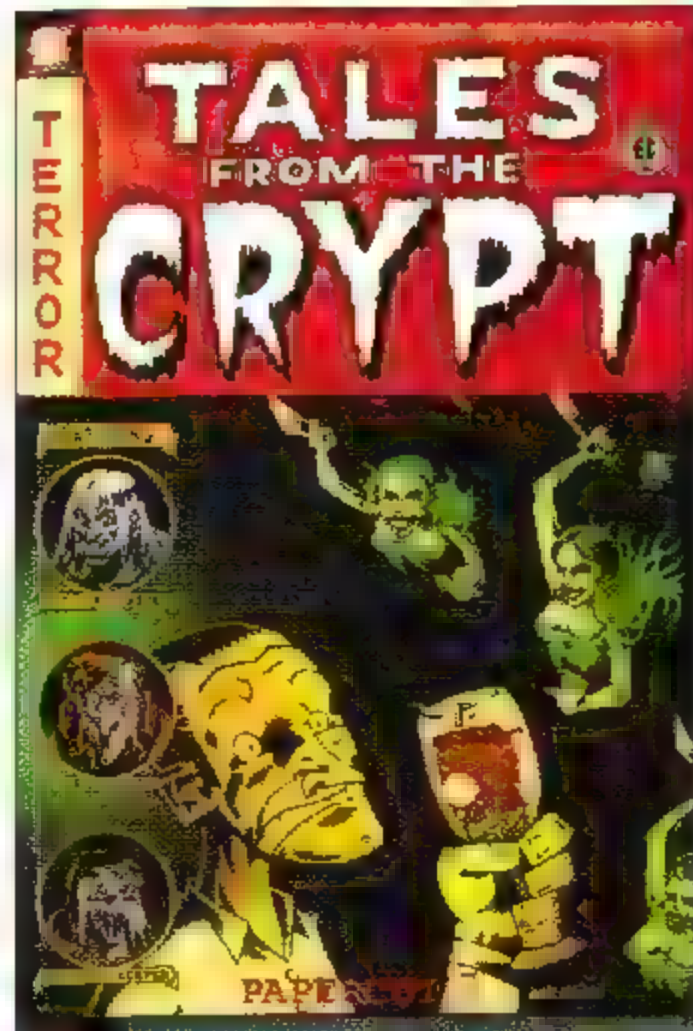
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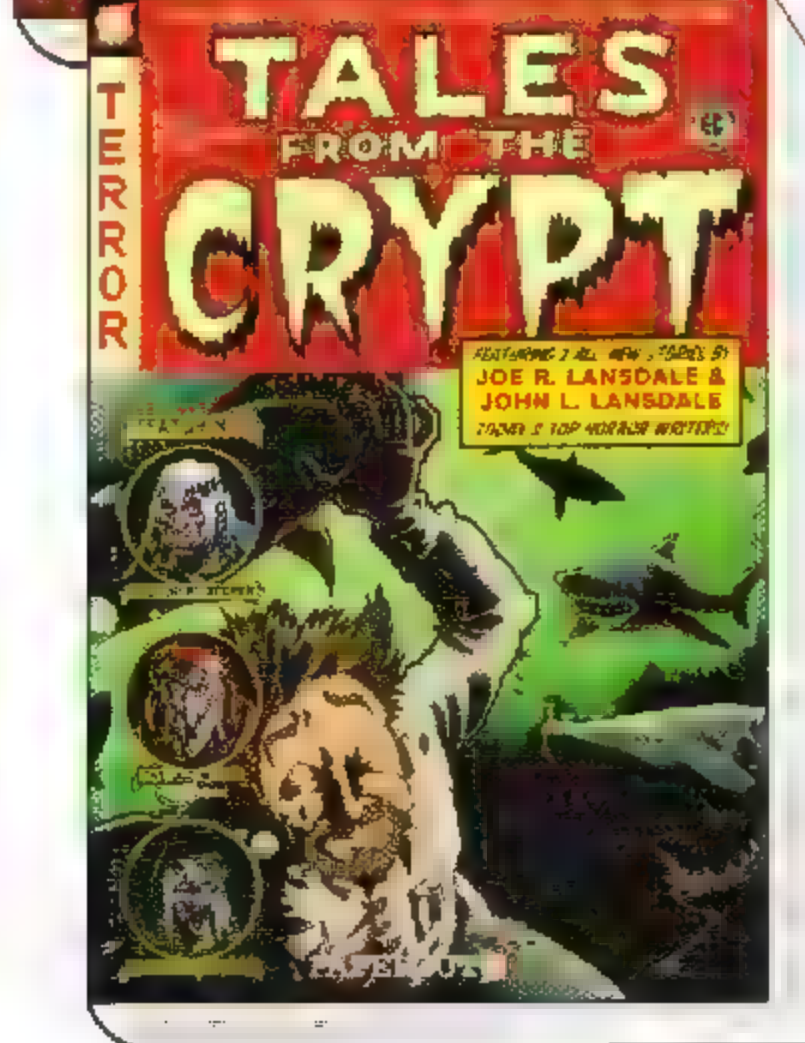
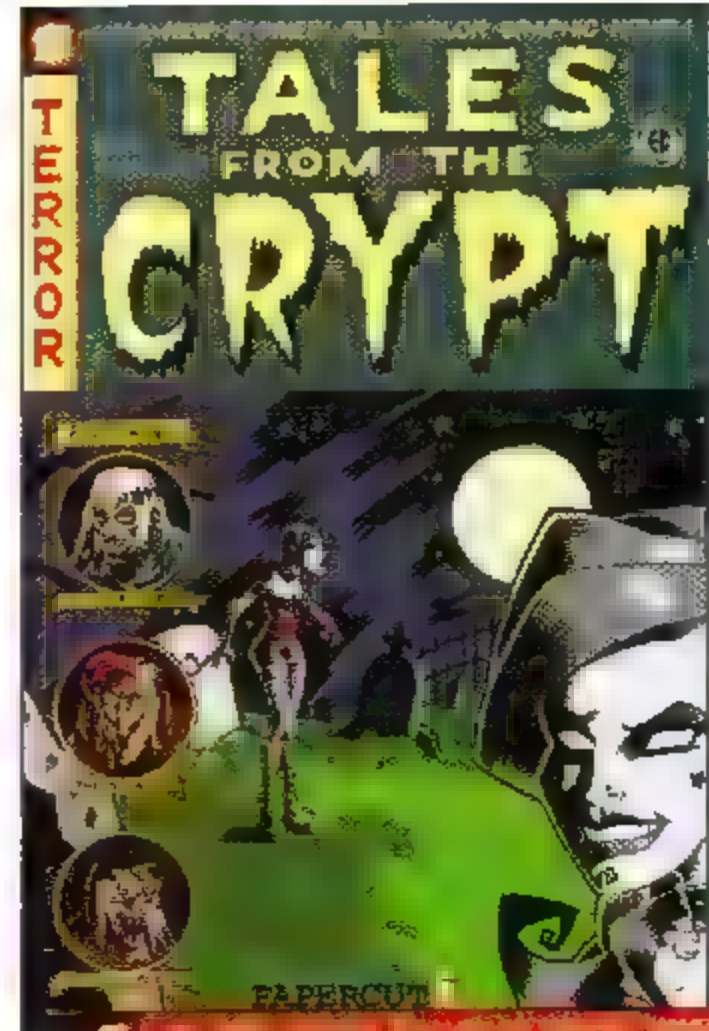
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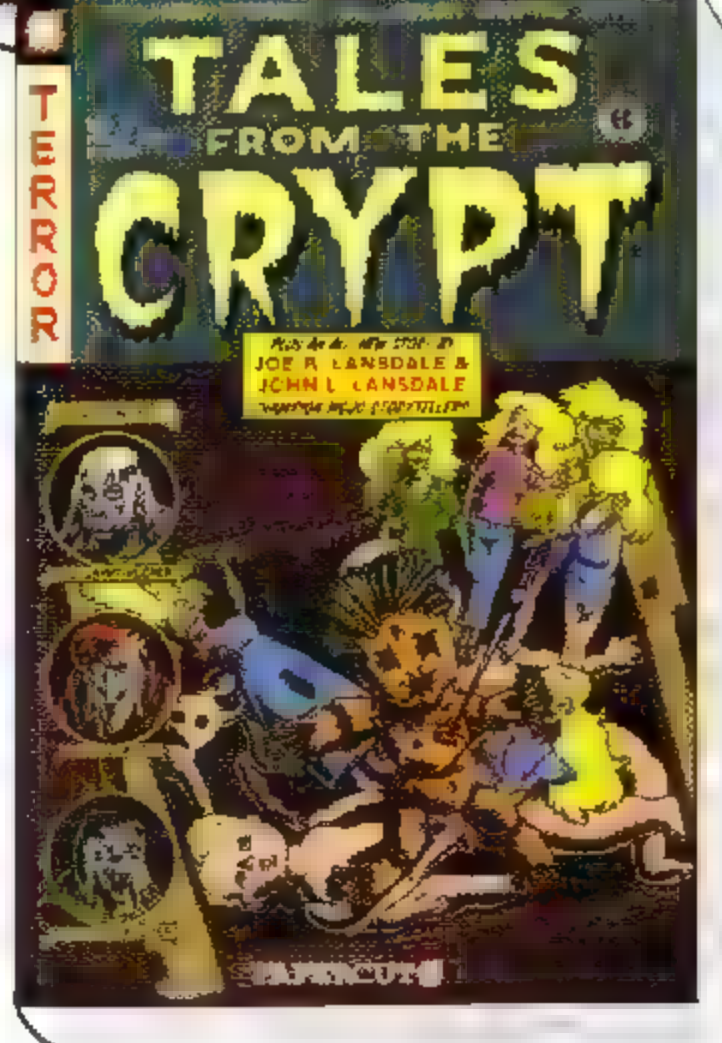
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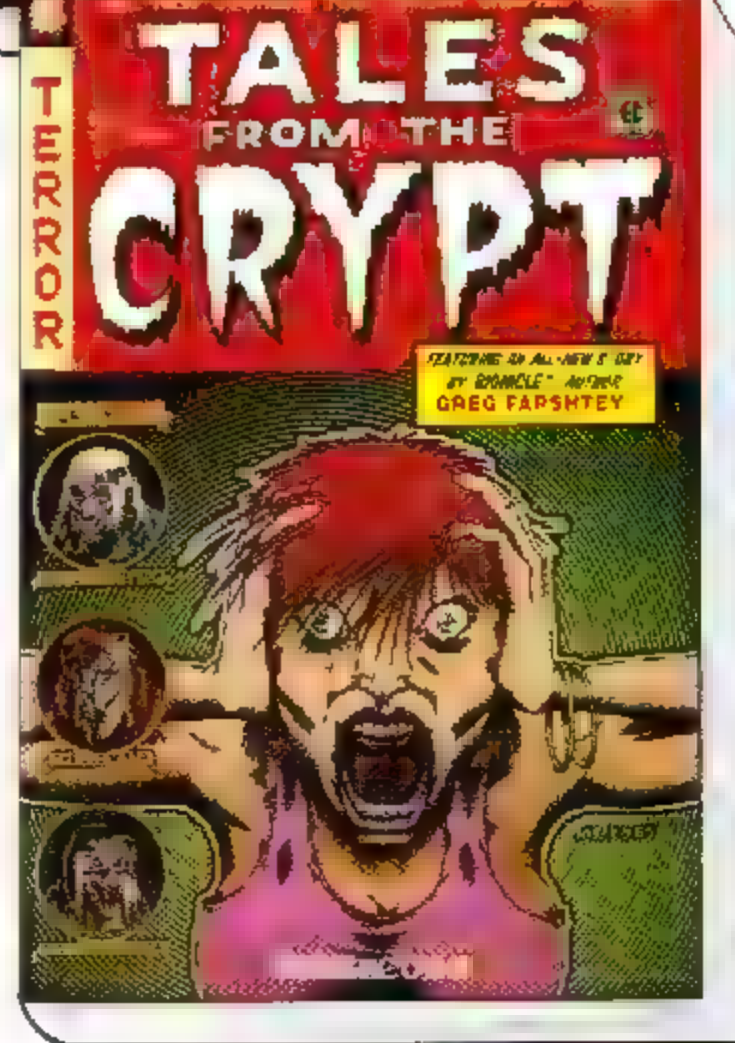
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#5 YABBA DABBA VOODOO



#6 YOU TOOMB



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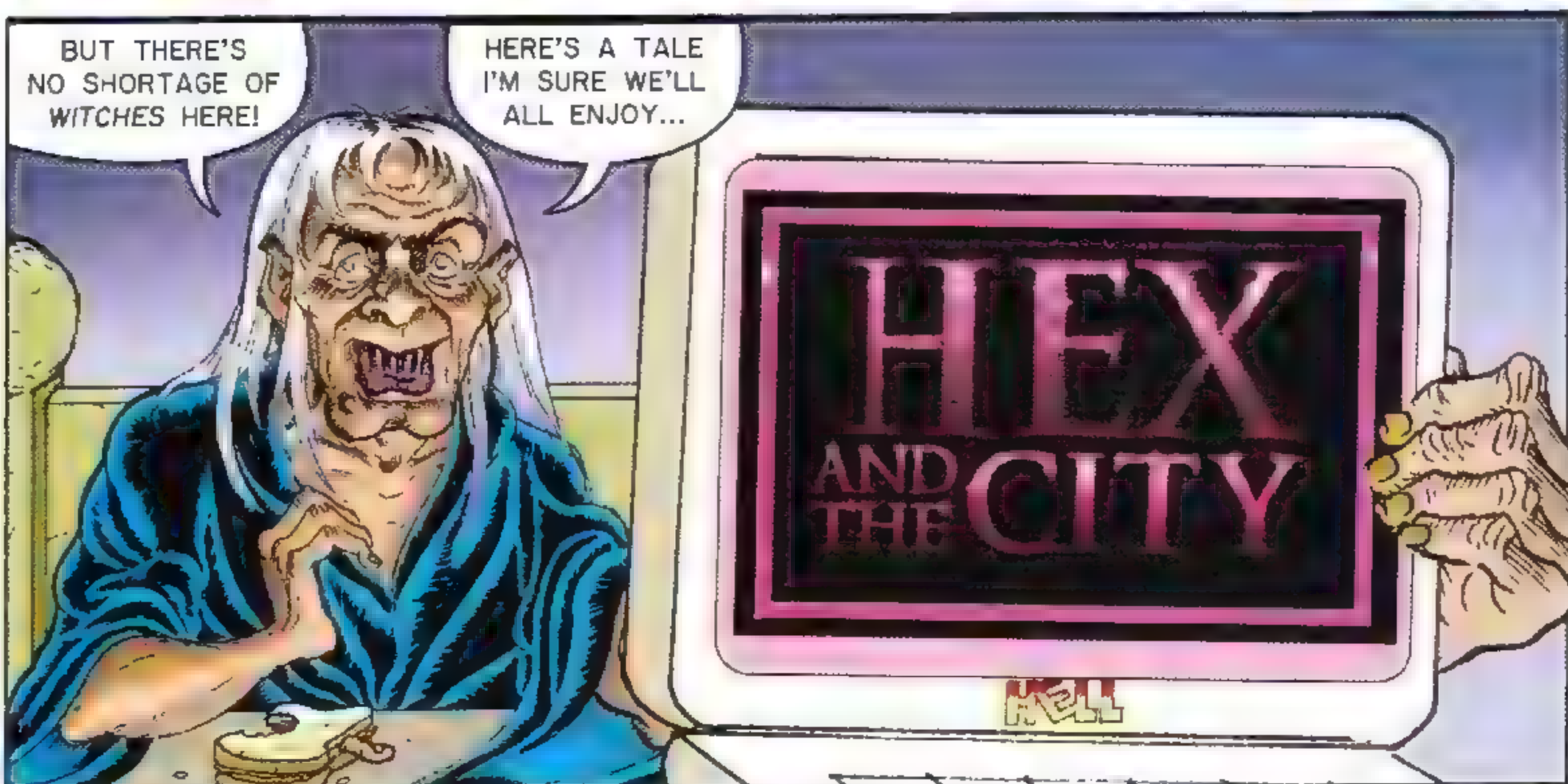
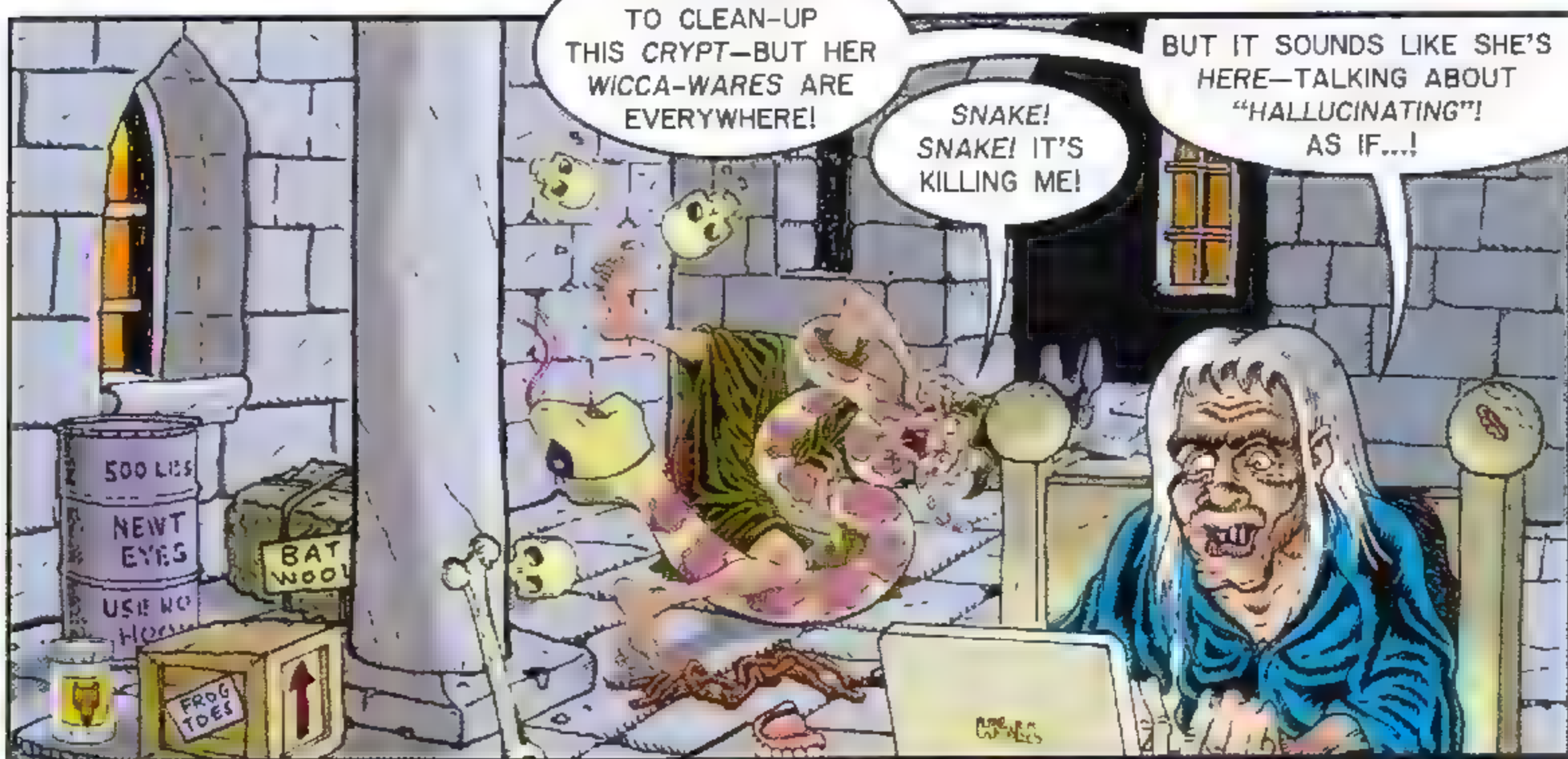
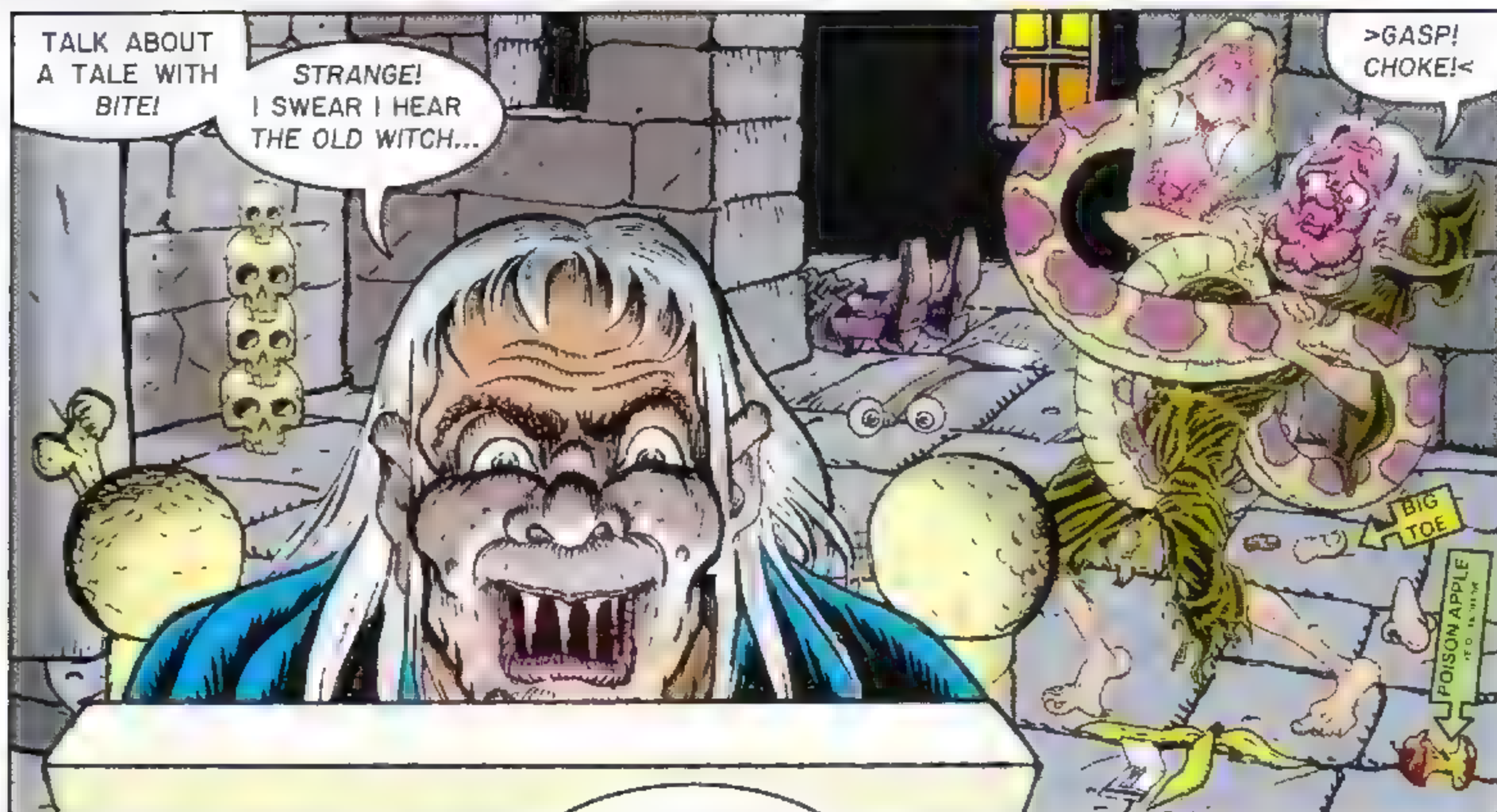
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..PLEASE...  
HELP ME..

GROSS,  
SOMEONE  
SHOULD CALL THE  
POLICE!

THE  
FASHION  
POLICE!

IGNORE  
THEM! PEOPLE  
ARE ONLY HOME-  
LESS BECAUSE  
THEY WANT TO BE!  
JUST LIKE WE'RE  
HAPPY AND PRETTY  
BECAUSE THAT'S  
WHAT WE  
WANT!

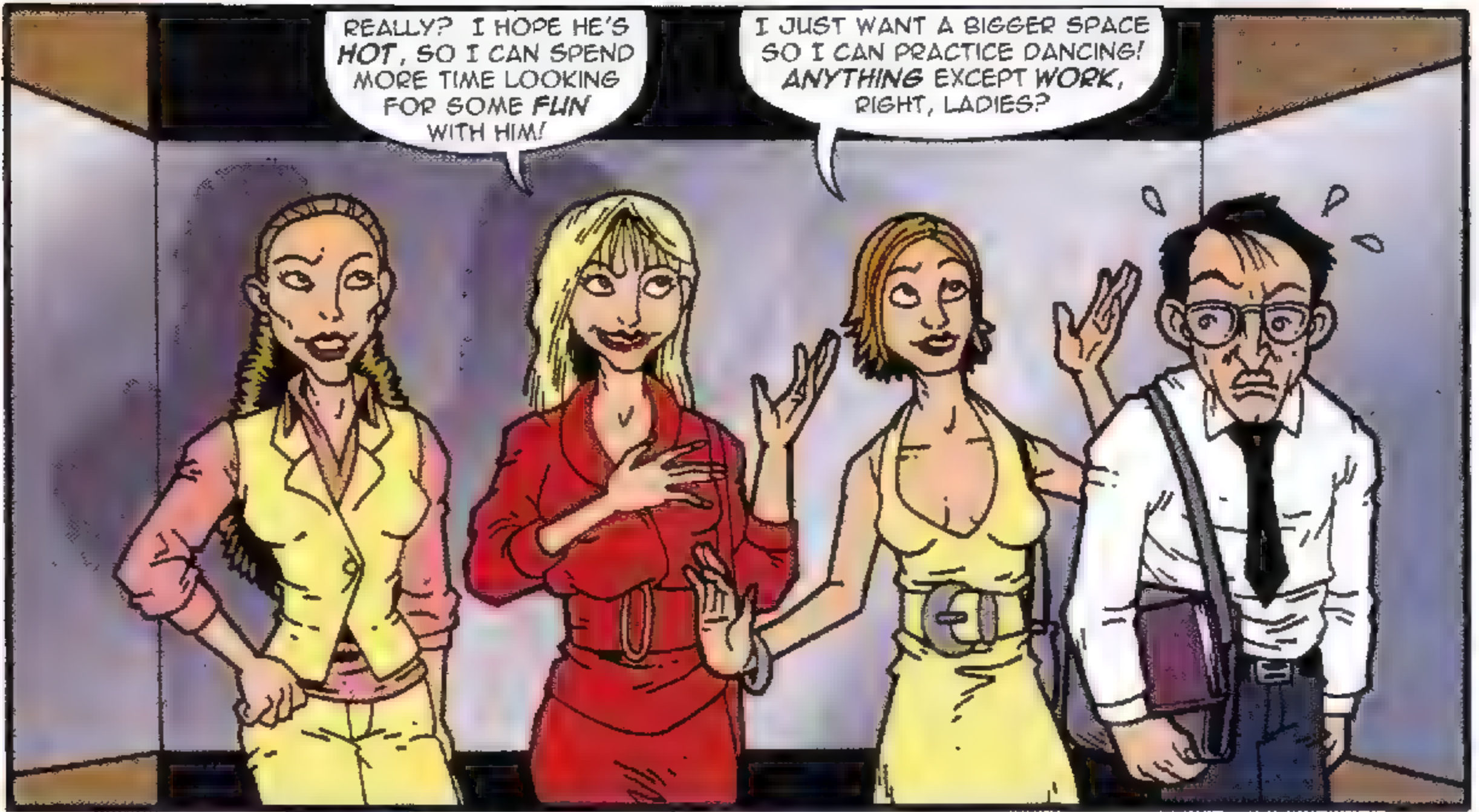
HOWLSWORTH'S  
SON TAKES OVER  
TODAY! I CAN'T WAIT TO  
ASK HIM FOR A PRIVATE  
OFFICE SO I CAN SPEND  
MORE TIME SEEKING  
TRUE ROMANCE ON  
THE WEB!





REALLY? I HOPE HE'S  
HOT, SO I CAN SPEND  
MORE TIME LOOKING  
FOR SOME FUN  
WITH HIM!

I JUST WANT A BIGGER SPACE  
SO I CAN PRACTICE DANCING!  
ANYTHING EXCEPT WORK,  
RIGHT, LADIES?



E-E-EXCUSE ME, BUT THERE  
I-I-IS MORE TO LIFE THAN  
LOOKING AND FEELING  
G-G-GOOD!



HA-HA!  
HOW WOULD  
YOU KNOW?

HA-HA!  
YOU SURE DON'T  
LOOK GOOD!

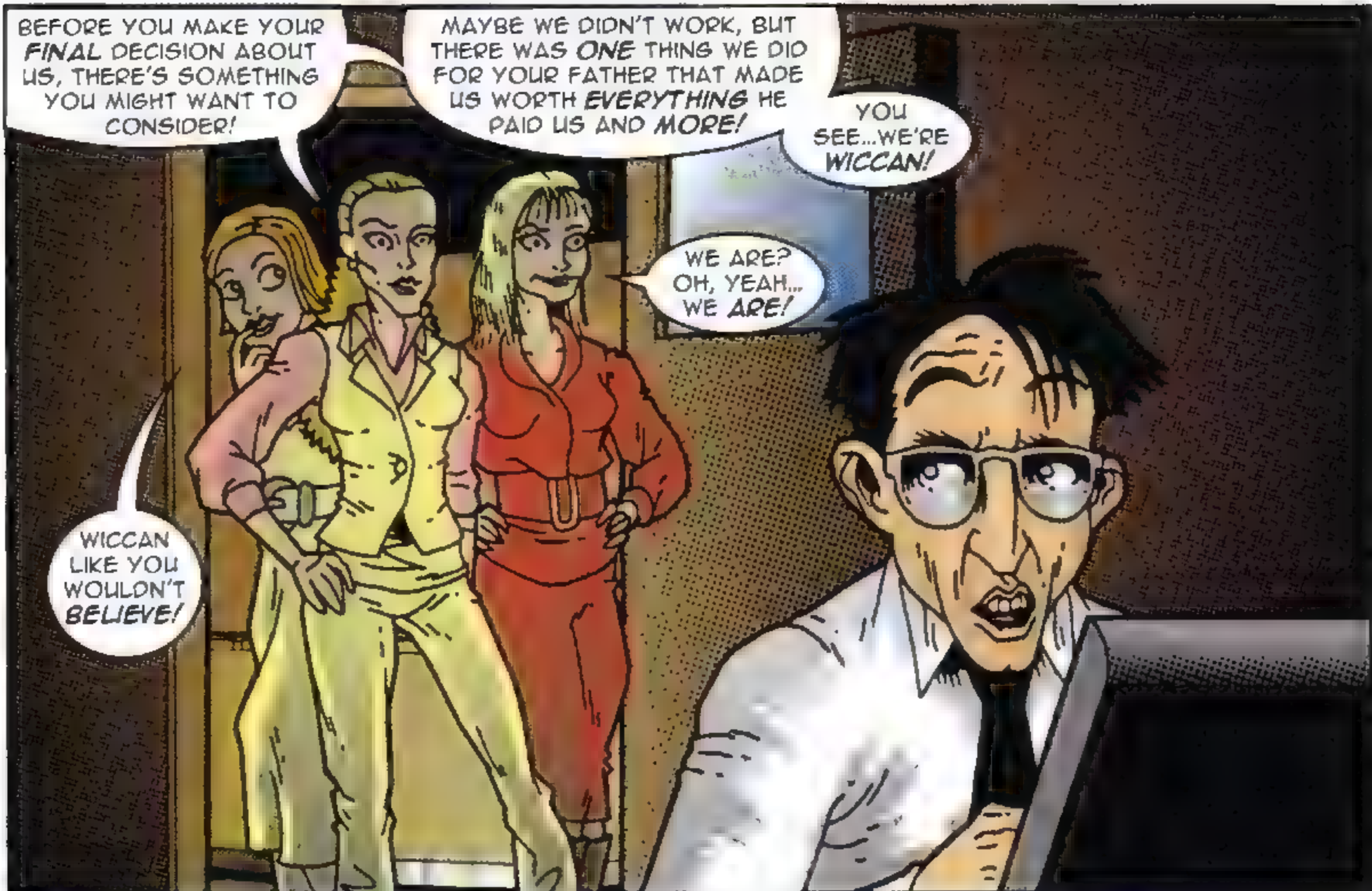
HEE! AND  
WHO CARES HOW  
YOU FEEL?











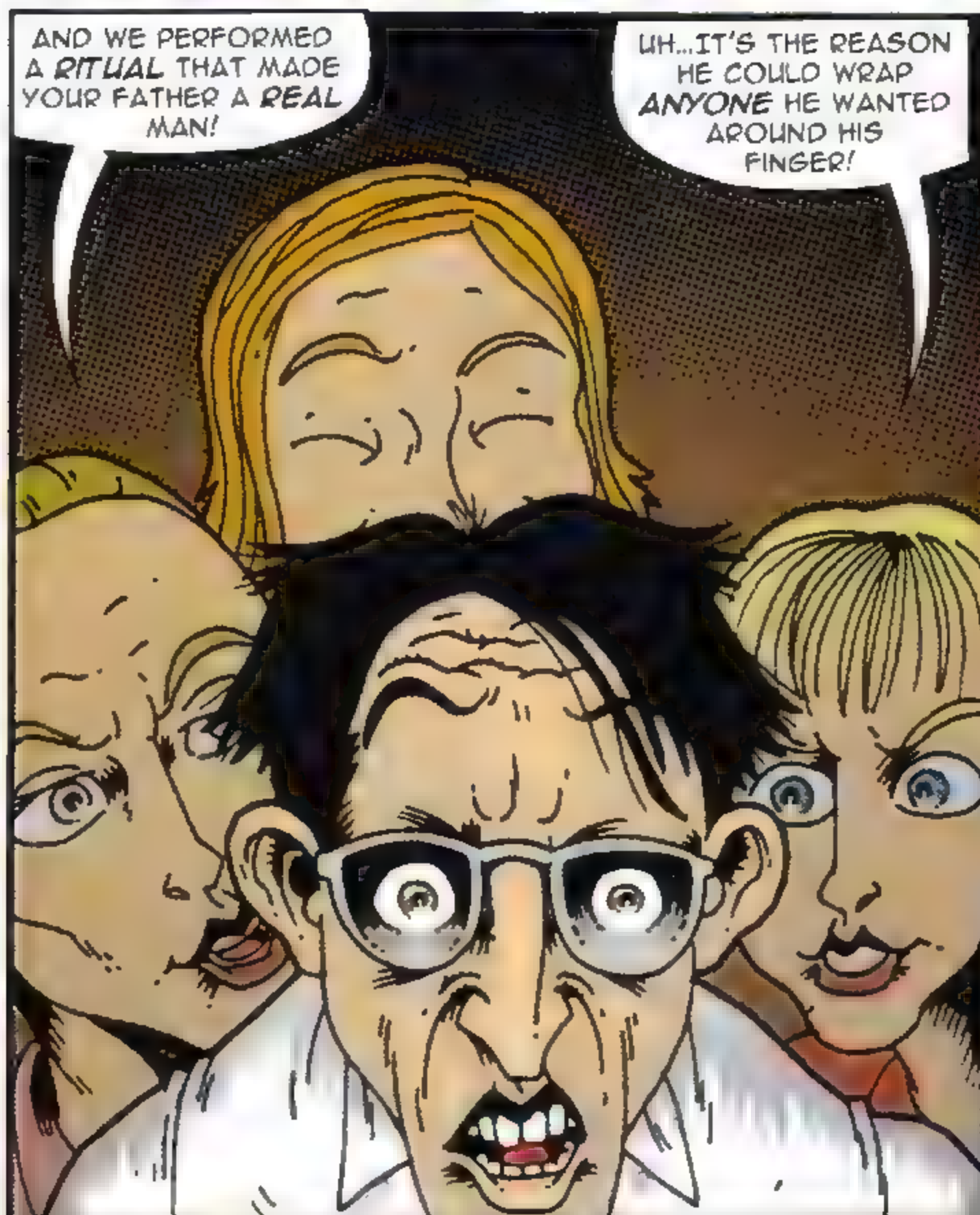
BEFORE YOU MAKE YOUR **FINAL** DECISION ABOUT US, THERE'S SOMETHING YOU MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER!

MAYBE WE DIDN'T WORK, BUT THERE WAS **ONE** THING WE DID FOR YOUR FATHER THAT MADE US WORTH **EVERYTHING** HE PAID US AND **MORE!**

YOU SEE...WE'RE **WICCAN!**

WE ARE? OH, YEAH... WE ARE!

WICCAN LIKE YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE!



AND WE PERFORMED A **RITUAL** THAT MADE YOUR FATHER A **REAL** MAN!

UH...IT'S THE REASON HE COULD WRAP **ANYONE** HE WANTED AROUND HIS FINGER!



VERY **TIGHTLY!**



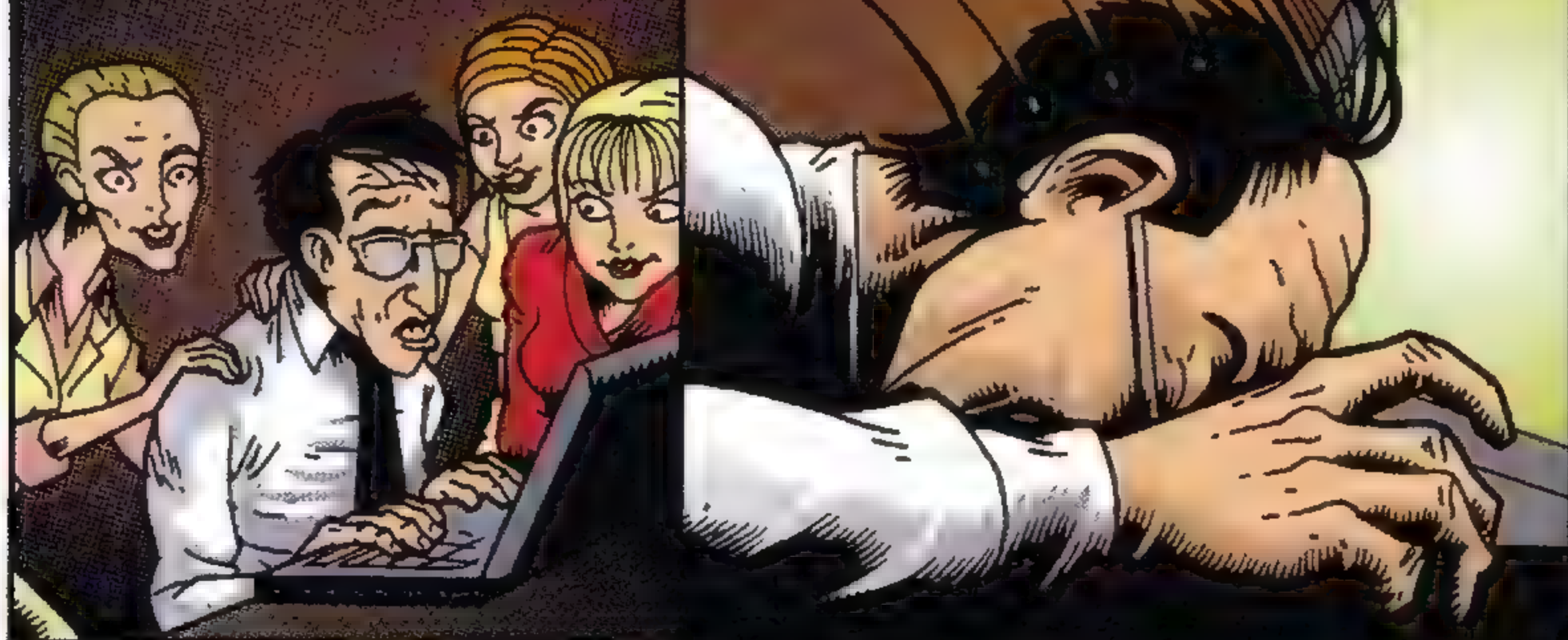
YOU'D LIKE US  
TO PERFORM OUR  
RITUAL FOR YOU,  
WOULDN'T  
YOU?

UH... UH...  
UH...

YES! YES!  
A THOUSAND  
TIMES YES!

>SOB!< I'VE  
BEEN SO LONELY!  
SO AFRAID! AND MY  
FATHER NEVER PAID  
ANY ATTENTION  
TO ME!

ALL HE EVER  
GAVE ME WAS  
THIS LOUSY BUSINESS!  
AND I'M AFRAID OF  
BUSINESSES,  
TOO!



JUST TELL ME  
WHAT I HAVE TO  
DO AND I'LL DO  
IT!





"FIRST, RENT A SECLUDED **SHACK** WHERE NO ONE CAN FIND YOU... UH... I MEAN **US!** THE R TUAL REQUIRES **POWER GEMS**, BUT A RICH GUY LIKE YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO AFFORD THEM! NEXT..."

NICE TOUCH FINDING THESE OLD HALLOWEEN COSTUMES!

BUT WHAT ABOUT THIS RITUAL?

AH, I FOUND SOME **BOGUS** CEREMONY ONLINE CALLED **DRAWING DOWN THE MOON**, BUT AS LONG AS WE'RE DANCING AROUND, HE'LL DO WHATEVER WE SAY!

READY TO DRAW DOWN THE MOON, HAND-SOME?

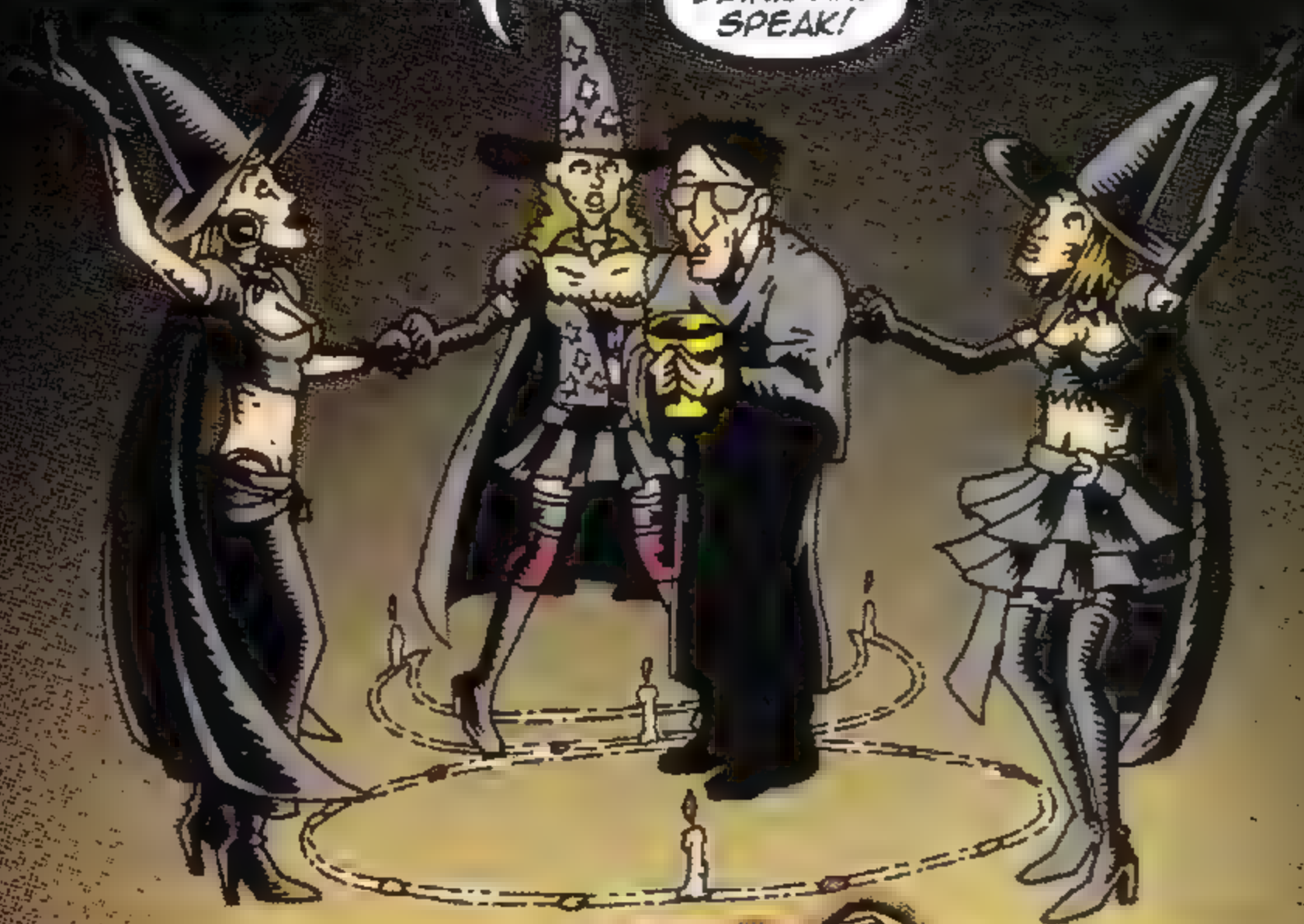
OH, Y-Y-YEAH!

AT THE HEIGHT OF THE RITUAL, YOU'LL HAVE TO DRINK **THIS** AND SAY THE WORDS I TAUGHT YOU!



"GREAT GOD CERNUNNOS, RETURN TO EARTH AGAIN,  
COME AT MY CALL AND SHOW THYSELF TO MEN,  
SHEPERD OF GOATS, UPON THE WILD HILLS WAY,  
LEAD THY LOST FLOCK FROM DARKNESS UNTO DAY."

DRINK AND  
SPEAK!



CHUG-A-LUG!  
CHUG-A-LUG!  
CHUG-A-LUG!

>GULP-GULP-  
GULP!<

I AM THE  
POWER!

I AM  
THE HORNED  
GOD!





I AM

..NOT FEELING  
SO GOOD...

**THUD!**



THESE SUCKERS ARE  
WORTH A MILLION AT  
LEAST!

WE CAN START OUR OWN  
BUSINESS WE WON'T HAVE  
TO WORK FOR!



HE'S GETTING  
UP? GET SOMETHING  
TO WHACK HIM  
WITH!

URGGG



AK-AK-AK!

EW! I HOPE  
HE DOESN'T  
PUKE!







WHO SUMMONS  
THE HORNED GOD?

WHOSE WISHES  
SHALL I FILL TO  
BURSTING?







YOUR MIND AND BODY ARE NOW A  
WRITHING WOUND THAT PULSES TO  
THE COSMIC BEAT OF HUNGER'S  
HEART!



BEHOLD!  
YOU  
ARE PART OF THE  
DANCE OF THE  
REAL!





AND YOU WHO WANTED  
ONLY *PHYSICAL* PLEASURE,  
WHERE SHALL WE  
*BEGIN?*

YOUR FORM HAS A  
BILLION NERVE ENDINGS FOR  
FEELING PLEASURE, WHY NOT  
SET THEM ALL AFLAME AT  
*ONCE?*

HELP!

HELLLPPP!

NO, I CAN'T  
JUST LEAVE!

NOOOOOOOOOO!

NOT  
WITHOUT THE  
*GEMS!*





AND WHAT  
WAS IT YOU  
WANTED?

OH, NOTHING!  
I'M GOOD!

ROMANCE!  
THE SWOONING  
MAJESTY THAT  
MAKES THE WORLD  
GO ROUND!

NO, REALLY,  
THANKS, BUT...

I CAN GIVE  
YOU MORE THAN  
THE WORLD!

I CAN GIVE  
YOU THE MOON  
AND THE STARS!




"SHALL WE START  
WITH THE MOON?"

IT'S NOT  
POSSIBLE!


WITH LOVE  
ALL THINGS ARE  
POSSIBLE!

SHALL WE  
KISS THE KISS OF  
LOVE'S MADNESS?  
SHALL WE KISS THE  
KISS OF FOREVER?






BUT I  
ALSO PROMISED  
YOU THE *STARS*,  
DIDN'T I?



THE COLD,  
*UNCARING*  
STARS?



SURROUNDED  
BY AN INFINITE  
BLACKNESS AS *DARK*  
AS YOUR OWN BLACK  
HEART!

YIEEEEE!



\*AND FINALLY, YOU'LL  
NEVER HAVE TO WORK  
AGAIN.\*

CAN YOU  
BELIEVE THREE JOBS  
OPENED AT THE SAME  
COMPANY AT THE SAME  
TIME? AND WE GOT  
THEM?

WE'LL BE  
TOGETHER!

IT'S LIKE  
I ALWAYS SAY,  
LADIES, WISH HARD  
ENOUGH AND YOU'LL  
GET IT!




AND THE  
HOMELESS ARE ONLY  
THERE BECAUSE THAT'S  
WHERE THEY WANT  
TO BE!

.. PLEASE ..  
PLEASE ..





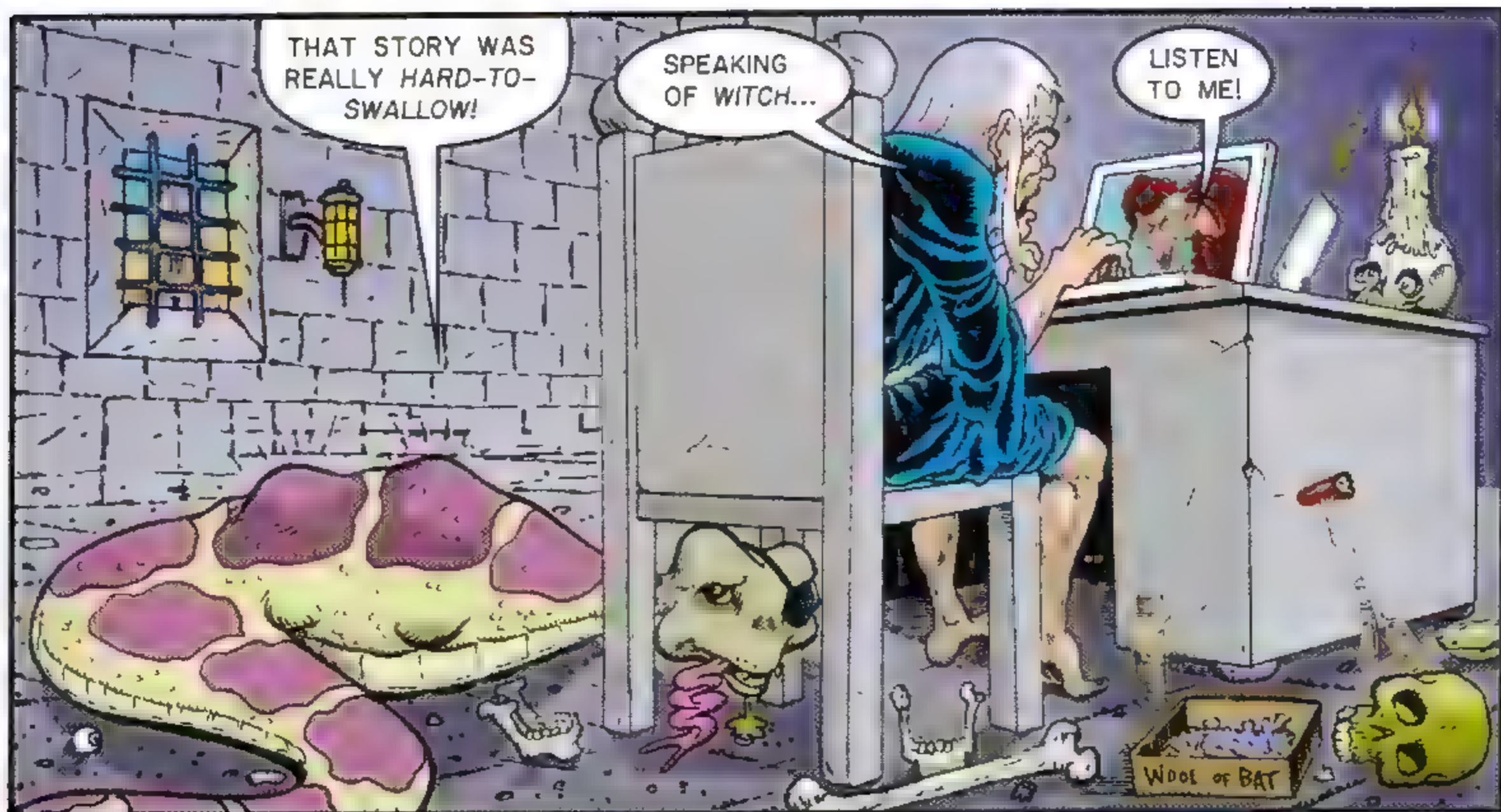


CAN'T WAIT  
TO MEET THE  
NEW OWNER!

I HEAR  
HE'S TOTALLY  
HOT!

...PLEASE...

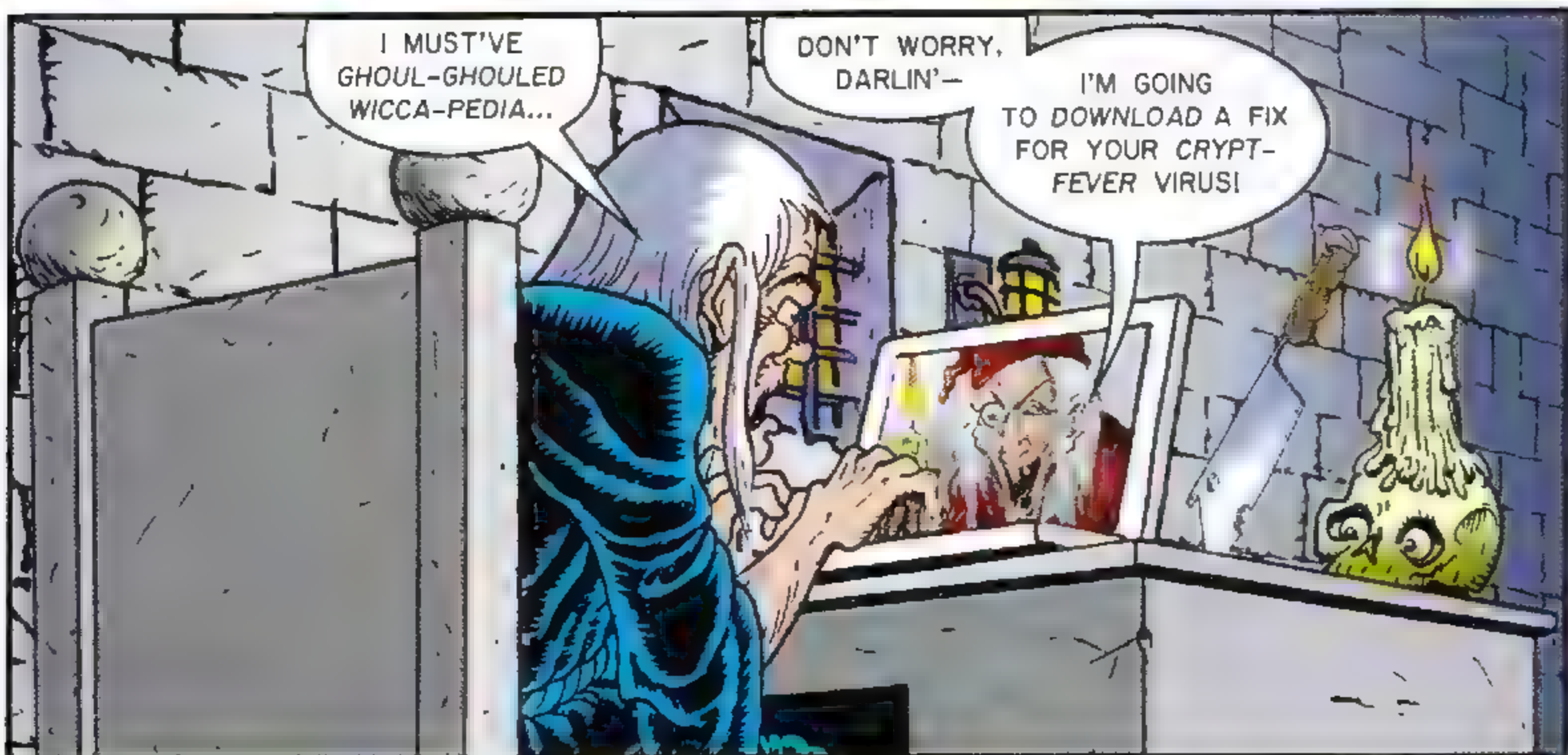




THAT STORY WAS  
REALLY HARD-TO-  
SWALLOW!

SPEAKING  
OF WITCH...

LISTEN  
TO ME!



I MUST'VE  
GHOUL-GHOULED  
WICCA-PEDIA...

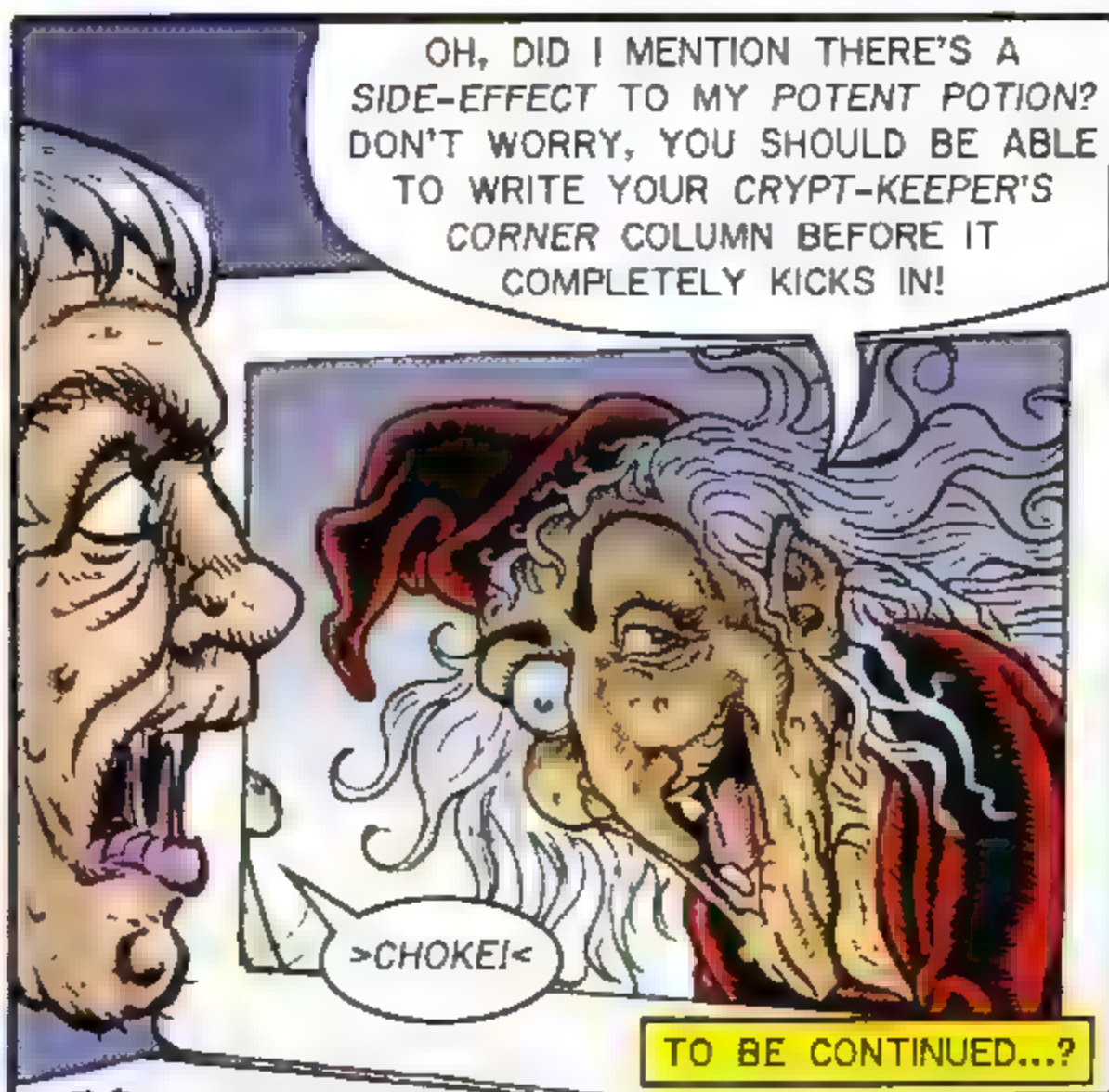
DON'T WORRY,  
DARLIN'—

I'M GOING  
TO DOWNLOAD A FIX  
FOR YOUR CRYPT-  
FEVER VIRUS!



BUT YOU'RE ON  
YOUR OWN WITH  
YOUR YOU TOOMB  
ADDICTION!

CRYPT-FEVER?!  
THE VAULT-KEEPER  
DOES LOOK MORE  
YELLOW THAN  
USUAL...



OH, DID I MENTION THERE'S A  
SIDE-EFFECT TO MY POTENT POTION?  
DON'T WORRY, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE  
TO WRITE YOUR CRYPT-KEEPER'S  
CORNER COLUMN BEFORE IT  
COMPLETELY KICKS IN!

>CHOKE!<

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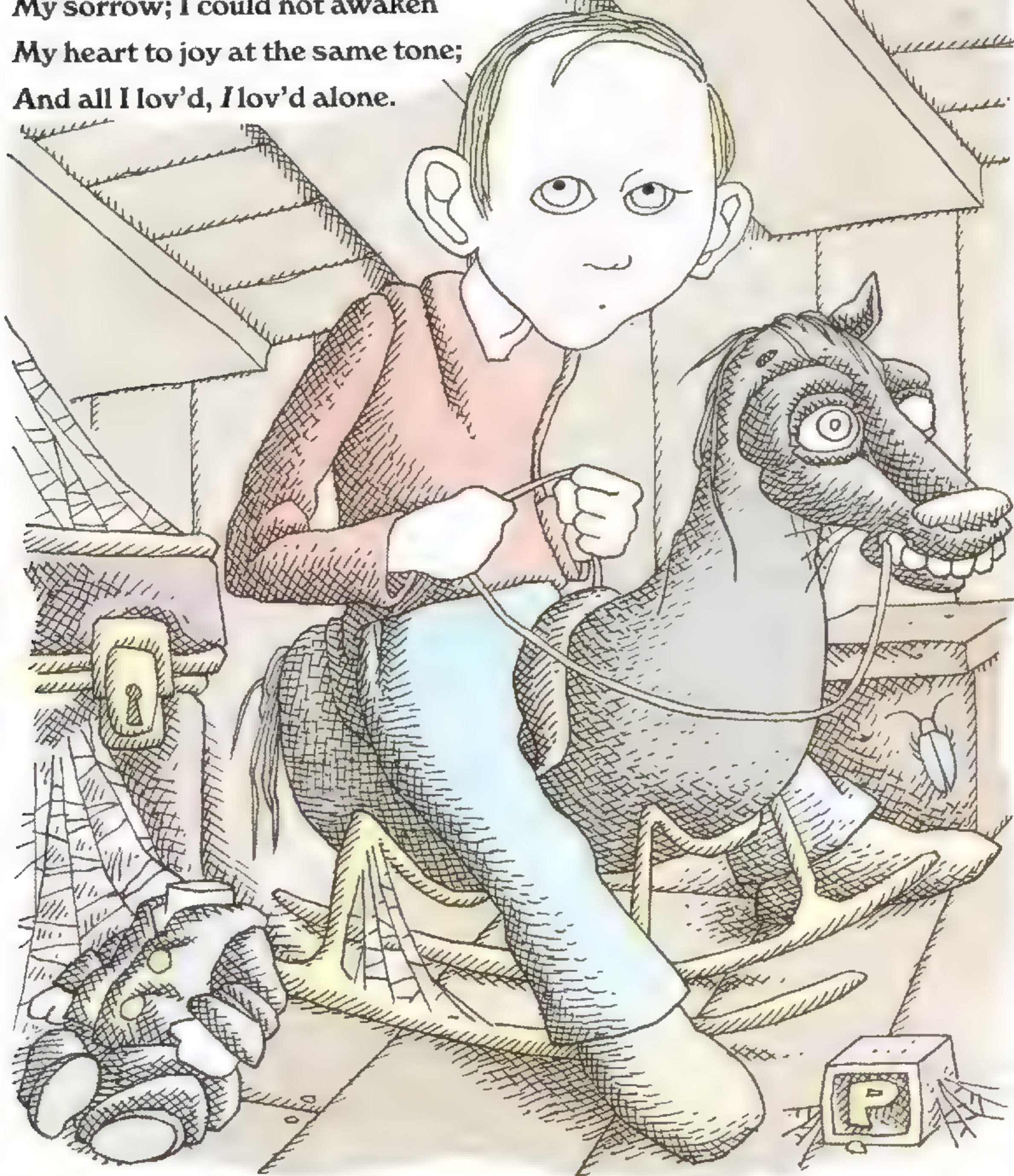
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## ALONE

FROM childhood's hour I have not been  
As others were—I have not seen  
As others saw—I could not bring  
My passions from a common spring.  
From the same source I have not taken  
My sorrow; I could not awaken  
My heart to joy at the same tone;  
And all I lov'd, I lov'd alone.

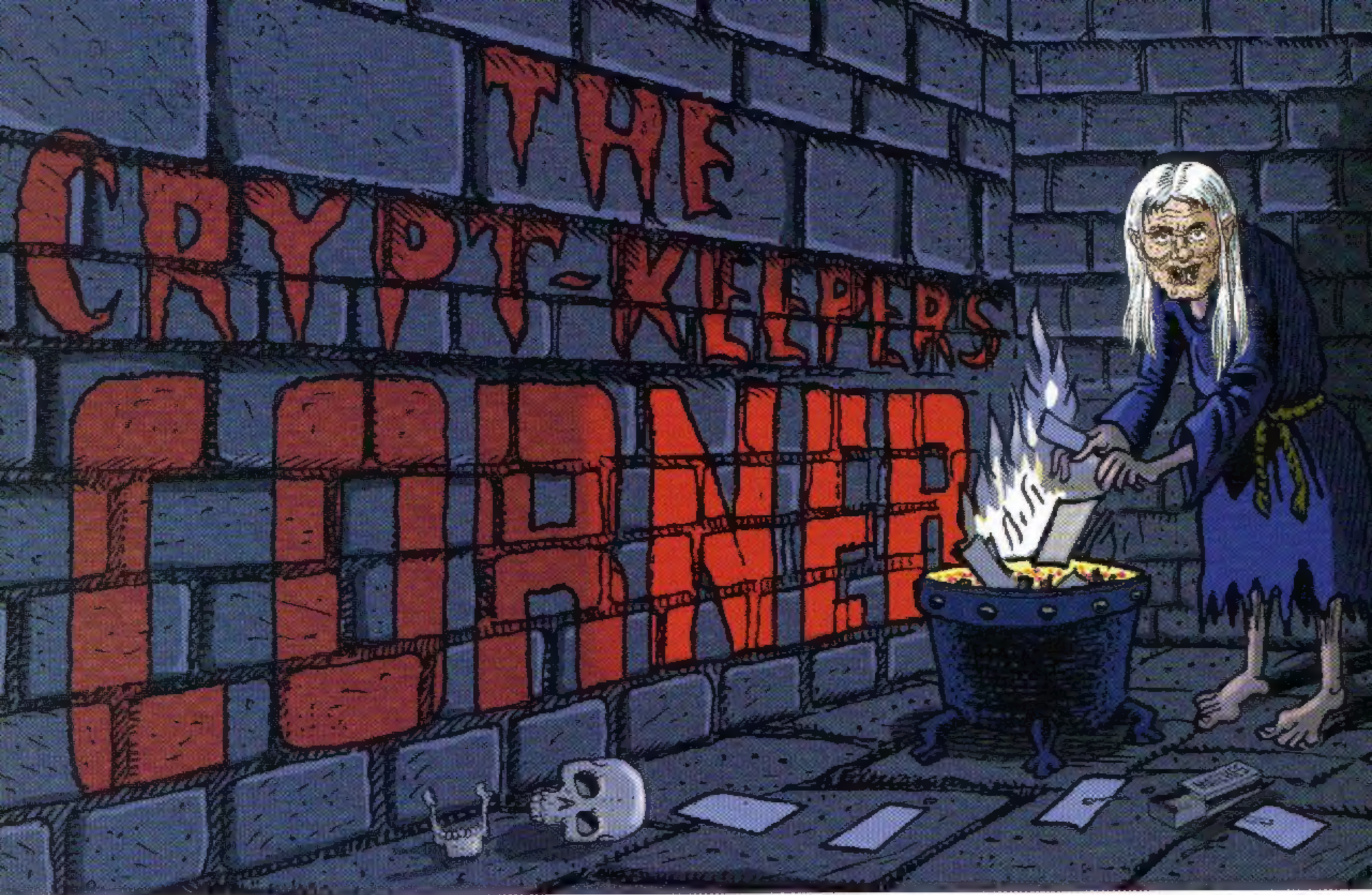




Then—in my childhood—in the dawn  
Of a most stormy life— was drawn  
From ev'ry depth of good and ill  
The mystery which binds me still:  
From the torrent, or the fountain,  
From the red cliff of the mountain,  
From the sun that 'round me roll'd  
In its autumn tint of gold—  
From the lightning in the sky  
As it pass'd me flying by—  
From the thunder and the storm,  
And the cloud that took the form  
(When the rest of Heaven was blue)  
Of a demon in my view.







*The Old Witch is right! The Vault-Keeper and I have been spending too much time keeping Vaults and Crypts, and not enough time keeping SANE! Maybe it's from too much contact with our INSANE EC Fan-Addicts! Or watching too much You Toomb? Well, despite the great risk to my mental health, it's time once again to present your CRAZY COMMENTS and INSANE INSIGHTS!*

*Although, now that MY sanity is in question, how do I know that these are really YOUR letters? Or in the case of our ONLINE READER'S POLL, how do I know these are really the correct results? Well, outside of a quick crossover with the shrinks from PSYCHOANALYSIS, there's no way to test my state of mind at the moment, so let's just live DANGEROUSLY, and accept whatever comes our way!*

*According to our PUTRID POLL, "Brain Food" by Rob Vollmar and Tim Smith 3 won an overwhelming 61% of your votes, leaving "Murder M.A.I.D.," by Greg Farshtey and Mr. Exes, a paltry 39% of the vote. That's actually rather SHOCKING when you consider that Mr. Farshtey is the writer of the*

*BIONICLE graphic novels, the biggest-selling series from Papercutz! Perhaps we should've mentioned that Murder M.A.I.D. was actually the SEVENTH TOA? Or maybe I'm hallucinating again?*

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Dear Crypt-Keeper,

I have a new story for you on TV. It's a nasty tale about a boy who likes to draw horror pictures and put them on the wall. One day his pictures begin to come alive. I call it "The Wall of Horror."

Love Your #1 Fan,  
Tony Chavez

*We've established that I may be even CRAZIER than usual, so keep that in your tiny minds when I UNOFFICIALLY ANNOUNCE that there's an all-new TV movie in the works based on TALES FROM THE CRYPT. It's being created especially for our younger fans, so you BLOOD-THIRSTY GEEZERS will just have to stick with the reruns of the HBO series on the CHILLER channel! But if enough of you BOILS and GHOULS watch the all-new TV movie, an all-new TV series starring me, the ORIGINAL Crypt-Keeper could be in your future!*

Dear Crypt-Keeper,

I looovvve the new TALES FROM THE CRYPT series! Cool cover on issue #10. I also have a request. Can you reprint some of the old TALES FROM THE CRYPT stories in your new mag? And try to make your stories kind of like the old ones. Keep up with the stories of monsters! But please, no art like the art in issue #9, the story "Chicken Man." Again, try to make the stories more horror-science fiction, if you know what I mean. Anyway, keep up the gruesome work!

Your Fan,  
Jared Hershman, Age 10

*Well, Jared, if you want us to keep up the "gruesome work" then we gotta keep using James Romberger! We're sorry you weren't thrilled (and chilled) by his art on "Chicken Man" but so many others were – including fellow CRYPT-contributors John L. Lansdale and Rick "the Sicko" Parker!*

Subject: TALES FROM THE CRYPT

This stuff is great. I remember reading reprints of the originals back in the '80's, so as a 35 year-old reader that came across this new series, I absolutely love it. I just love the tales and I can't get enough. I finish each book thirsting for more. I just read #1 and #2 and have read about your plans for CLASSICS ILLUSTRATED, which I think is great. Keep up the good work!

A fan,  
Steven Ortiz

*Speaking of ROTTING REPRINTS, Steven, in case you were UNAWARE, all the original issues of TALES FROM THE CRYPT are being collected in a series of great, big, full-color hardcover volumes by Gemstone Publishing. But there's a particular Jack Davis-drawn tale that we may be including in one of our upcoming Papercutz collections. All we can say now is that it may be the most requested CRYPT tale of all (by me)! Stay tuned!*

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